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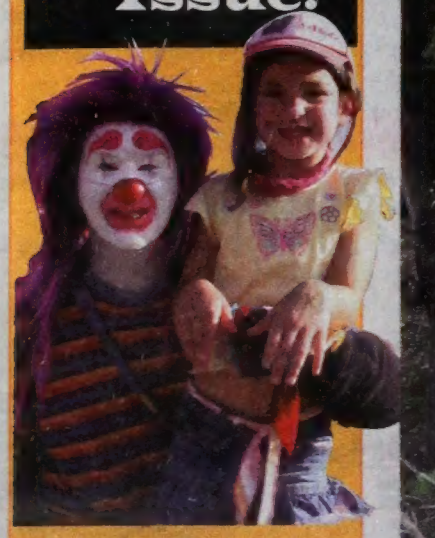

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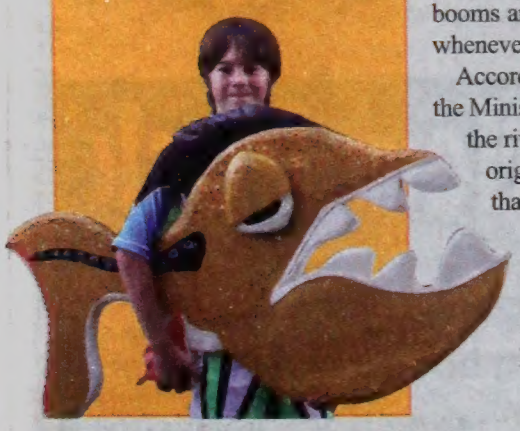

Tornado Hits Coboconk

Lyn Winans
Photojournalist

Flashbacks to August 2006

While we in Haliburton County were grumbling about the seemingly endless rain this past Saturday, some of our neighbours just to the south had a little more to complain about.

Walking through tornado ravaged areas of Coboconk was like revisiting this county on August 3rd of 2006. Although not nearly as widespread, the damage caused by Saturday's tornado left some individuals shaken and buried in debris. The sound of chainsaws in the distance screamed deja vu.

And as of Tuesday, it's now official: this 'wind event' has been officially confirmed as an F1 tornado, the same intensity as the ones that hit Haliburton County two years ago. Geoff Coulson from Environment Canada was on site in Coboconk and made the official determination. The Ministry is also investigating whether or not there

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Oil Leaks Still Plague Drag River

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

Over the past several weeks a visible rainbow-like sheen has been evident along the Drag River below Highland Street in Haliburton's downtown core. Residents enjoying the community's river walk might also have detected the faint odor of oil or fuel of some sort. And last week absorbent booms appeared in the river in an attempt to contain and collect the oily sheen and mitigate any damage that sheen might cause to the environment.

Finding a potential environmental hazard like this raises quite a few questions. Where is the seepage coming from? How long has it been taking place? Who is responsible and what is being done about it?

This fuel leak is a longstanding problem and one that remains somewhat of an anomaly as the leak is intermittent and the source still can't be pinned down precisely. The Voice has learned that both the Municipality and the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) are fully aware of the seepage and, while ongoing monitoring does take place, no one seems able to pinpoint the origin of the leak.

Miles Maughan, Dysart et al's Operations Manager, told the Voice that this has been a concern for a number of years. Maughan said, "MOE are aware of the seepage and have done numerous tests to locate exactly where the seepage is coming from, but so far have been unsuccessful in determining the source." Maughan also said that the Ministry and the Municipality have a cooperative working relationship and will try to control the seepage with booms and absorbent in the river from time to time or assist the Ministry whenever it can.

According to Kelly Andreoli, MOE District Engineer in Peterborough, the Ministry's files indicate that the initial complaint regarding oil sheen on the river was received early in 1984. The seepage was believed to have originated from an underground heating fuel tank on the property that houses the dental office on Highland Street, previously owned by the late Dr. Harry Good. Andreoli says that subsequent to the replacement of the leaking tank, Ministry records indicate that a letter was received in March of 1985 indicating that virtually all oil leaking from the tank had been accounted for and cleaned up. MOE records indicate that their involvement was limited following the tank replacement until 1998 when they became aware of an initiative by a 'coalition of interested residents' to support walleye spawning bed reconstruction activities. In 1999 they received a remediation plan from a third party on behalf of the residents along with a request for funding. From that point forward MOE has been actively involved in the project.

The Ministry's information does mirror Maughan's belief that even though the tank was dug up, replaced and fresh gravel put in, the situation was not corrected.

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Boat Launch at Basshaunt gets a Pricey Upgrade

"The municipality should have spent the money on roads that people actually use, or on education or healthcare. Not on this trail."

Jan Uznanski's house is located beside the public boat launch at the end of Basshaunt Lake Road. Living beside the 200-meter public access trail that leads from the road down to the lake has never bothered Uznanski, because it is rarely used

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Mama Mia (PG)	4:25 pm	6:45 & 9:05
X-Files: I Want To Believe (14A)		7:00
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▲ 27° ▼ 17°

SATURDAY
Partly cloudy and very warm
▲ 32° ▼ 21°

SUNDAY
Continued partly cloudy and hot
▲ 32° ▼ 21°

MONDAY
Chance of showers and thunderstorms
▲ 29° ▼ 21°

TUESDAY
Chance of showers and thunderstorms
▲ 27° ▼ 14°

WEDNESDAY
Cloudy with a few showers
▲ 25° ▼ 13°

AROUND THE REGION: Mild weather will be experienced on Thursday as skies will be partly sunny with highs in the upper 20s. Warmer weather will be experienced on Friday and through the weekend with a mix of sun and clouds each day. Highs will be in the upper 20s on Friday and low 30s on Saturday and Sunday.

Your Unofficial Lotto Numbers

LOTTO 649 — July 26, 2008
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Bonus Number 24
Encore 4036717

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04 05 28 29 32 39 40
Bonus Number 08
Encore 1304980

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City	Today Hi/Lo/Otlk	Friday Hi/Lo/Otlk	Saturday Hi/Lo/Otlk	Sunday Hi/Lo/Otlk	Monday Hi/Lo/Otlk	Tuesday Hi/Lo/Otlk	Wednesday Hi/Lo/Otlk
Bancroft	24/13/pc	27/17/pc	32/21/pc	32/21/pc	29/21/ts	27/14/ts	25/13/sh
Barrie	25/13/pc	27/17/pc	32/21/pc	32/22/pc	30/22/ts	28/14/ts	26/14/sh
Dorset	24/13/pc	27/16/pc	31/21/pc	32/21/pc	29/21/ts	27/14/pc	25/13/sh
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Toronto	25/14/pc	28/18/pc	33/23/pc	33/23/pc	31/23/ts	28/16/ts	27/16/sh

NATIONAL CITIES

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Edmonton	21/9/cl	17/7/sh	22/10/su	24/16/pc	26/9/pc	27/13/ts	26/13/sh
Fredericton	24/15/ts	25/18/ts	23/17/ra	24/18/dz	26/16/sh	27/13/ts	24/13/sh
Halifax	27/18/ts	26/19/ts	23/18/ra	23/18/cl	22/18/sh	21/16/ts	20/14/sh
Montreal	26/14/ts	26/18/ts	30/22/pc	31/22/pc	29/21/ts	28/17/pc	25/14/sh
Regina	29/16/su	26/15/ts	23/13/cl	26/14/su	27/11/su	31/17/su	32/18/sh
St. John's	24/16/sh	21/14/sh	16/15/ra	15/15/ra	13/13/cl	17/13/ts	19/13/sh
Saskatoon	26/14/pc	22/11/cl	22/14/sh	24/12/su	28/11/su	28/15/pc	28/14/sh
Vancouver	20/13/sh	17/13/sh	21/13/pc	24/17/su	23/14/su	23/14/sh	22/15/sh
Whitehorse	19/7/sh	20/8/cl	19/10/cl	12/4/sh	13/2/cl	12/0/cl	12/1/sh
Winnipeg	29/16/pc	24/16/ts	27/14/pc	19/13/dz	25/13/su	27/15/su	30/16/pc

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Friday 7/25	26°C	13°C	0.0 mm
Thursday 7/24	23°C	14°C	3.3 mm
Wednesday 7/23	22°C	15°C	3.3 mm
Tuesday 7/22	25°C	14°C	0.0 mm

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	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set
Thu.	5:59 a.m./8:41 p.m.	4:41 a.m./8:27 p.m.
Fri.	6:00 a.m./8:40 p.m.	6:03 a.m./8:56 p.m.
Sat.	6:01 a.m./8:39 p.m.	7:22 a.m./9:19 p.m.
Sun.	6:02 a.m./8:38 p.m.	8:38 a.m./9:40 p.m.
Mon.	6:03 a.m./8:36 p.m.	9:51 a.m./9:58 p.m.
Tues.	6:04 a.m./8:35 p.m.	11:01 a.m./10:17 p.m.
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Absorbent Booms Have Been Used on the River Three Times Since 2005

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Absorbent boom attempts to contain seepage

According to Maughan, when the problem persisted, test holes were installed along the river by the Ministry.

Jamie Mugford, Project Coordinator for MOE, reports that the Ministry has been involved in undertaking site investigations and assessments on a regular basis since 1999. Mugford said that the specific source has not been identified. Since February of 2005 the Ministry has been conducting monthly visual inspections of the Drag River in the vicinity of the identified leaks. Mugford said that if the sheen on the river is significant the Municipal Fire Department is contacted and an absorbent boom installed. Water samples are also collected at that time and analyzed by the Ministry's lab for petroleum hydrocarbons and volatile organics.

According to Mugford, booms have been set out on the river just three times since 2005, and the seepage and sheen on the river has been intermittent and limited.

When asked what the Ministry considers to be acceptable levels of seepage into the river their written response was, "Oil or petrochemicals should not be present in concentrations that can be detected as a visible film, sheen or discoloration on the surface. There should be no odour detected. The presence of oil should not cause any tainting of edible aquatic organisms and finally such presence should not form deposits on the shoreline or in bottom sediments that are detectable by sight or odour or are deleterious to resident aquatic organisms." Quite a mouthful and not one you'd like to swallow from the Drag River right now.

However, Mugford also reports that observations made during 2008 suggest that the amount of oil seepage has increased considerably this summer. He suggests that heavy snowfall and associated spring melting, combined with large amounts of rainfall throughout the spring and summer, have caused the oil to seep into the river at much greater rates.

Because of heightened evidence of oil, the Ministry's Technical Support Section staff has been asked to undertake an updated field inspection and technical assessment of the situation over the next few weeks, including conducting a review of the current approach to monitoring and containment. This is being done to determine whether additional work will be required.

When asked about levels of responsibility, the Municipal response has been that the oil is leaching out from privately owned property onto municipal land and therefore the Municipality's only responsibility is to assist MOE. Mugford said further that as the specific source has not yet been determined, the Ministry can't say who should assume responsibility for the contamination at this time.

That leads to the matter of the responsibility of property owners and real estate agents during land transactions. The dental clinic property directly above the seepage was sold a few weeks ago, and two of the agents who were involved in the sale, Peter Brady (Remax) and Darlene Reil (Bowes & Cocks in Wilberforce) maintain that an environmental study conducted in 1995 cleared the property of any responsibility. So the question still remains, where's all this oil coming from, and who's ultimately responsible for cleaning it up?

Andreoli reports that the Ministry has expended approximately $200,000 on installing the test holes and on their monitoring program. With more work and assessment underway, that figure is set to increase rapidly, but still no cause or source can be identified.

The Voice will provide regular updates on this environmental mystery as they become available.■

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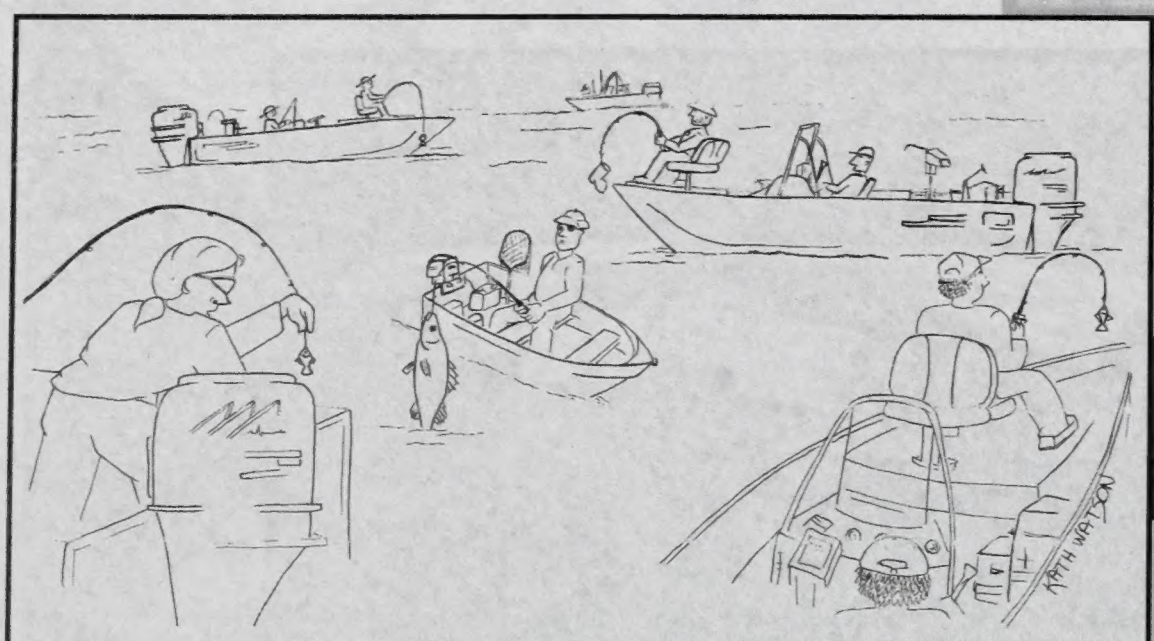

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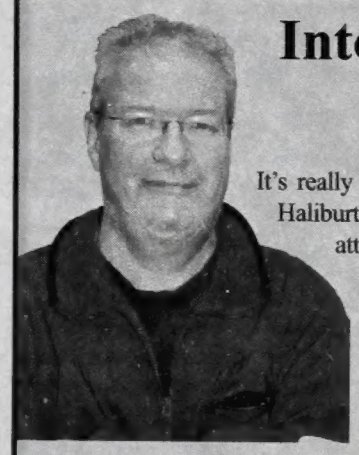

Into The Deep Dark Woods

It's really something of a miracle that the forests of Haliburton County have survived the ferocious attacks and misguided logging practices of the last century and a half. As Forester Tyler Peet pointed out in a column in last week's Voice, the notion of forest conservation, even sustainability, has been around for a very long time. But enforcing these notions has never been easy.

For example, in the last 20 years we've seen two major desecrations of thousands of acres of forest, to wit, the brutalization of the old Woodlands Ranch property, and the clear cutting of a vast swath of land between Wilberforce and the Peterson Trail. One forestry worker I know told me he had to quit the Woodlands project because the wholesale destruction of those beautiful woods was literally making him physically ill. A century ago thousands of acres of forests around Donald were virtually eliminated in order to supply the extraordinary needs of the Standard Chemical Factory. Elsewhere, in the 60,000-acre property that we now know as the Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve, virtually all useable timber was exhausted by the 1960s, with no consideration for any use by future generations.

On the other hand, the exploitation of the forests in the first half of the 20th century also allowed a community to survive, and even grow. It's easy to feel superior to those early settlers, but their very existence was on the line, and there was still a strong belief that nature could always repair itself. And in fact, the exploitation of the Haliburton Forest and Wildlife property rendered it commercially unattractive and paved the way for its sale to the Schleifenbaum family in 1962. The next 25 years saw the Forest show some improvement, as there was little left to log, and the new owners were passionate conservationists. In 1988, Peter Schleifenbaum, a professional forester, inherited the property and was immediately set out on an ambitious program of sustainable forest use.

"I have to admit that my views about the Forest have changed over the last 20 years," said Schleifenbaum in a recent interview. "I think that even 10 years ago I saw the forests as a kind of industrial resource, economically speaking. But today I see them as saviours of the world, our greatest carbon sink, an enormous source of bio-diversity, and a completely renewable source of one of the world's most valuable materials. The more we learn about our forests, the more we realize just how complex they are, and how much we still don't know about them. In some sense, we still don't understand them."

Schleifenbaum has made the Forest Reserve a centre for academic forest research for institutions both here and in Europe. "When a major thunderstorm hits, for example, an enormous amount of nitrogen is released in the forest, which acts as a kind of super fertilizer, and we're studying the affects of that, as well as measuring the transfer of gases between the forest and the atmosphere above the canopy."

The Voice will explore the future of our forests in upcoming issues, and in particular just how the Forest Reserve is planning to harness even more of this beautiful, and essential, resource. The thought that we can be surrounded by so much beauty and mystery that is sustainable forever, if intelligently managed, and at the same time use the resource to provide decent livelihoods for dozens of local families, is as good a news story as there can be these days. And thanks to the Forest Reserve, Haliburton County could be well on its way to becoming one of the world's leading centres for forestry research, and sustainability.

This makes it even more important not to forget that those two desecrations of our common heritage described above occurred in the very recent past. We must ensure, as a community, that we have the collective political will and courage to keep our woods deep and dark forever.■

Letter of the Week

Dear Editor:

"We don't even need to buy from the Middle East. We can supply our own oil indefinitely."

Years ago, when I took Business Admin in college, one of the courses was Economics, where we learned about the GNP (Gross National Product), trade with other countries, and the law of supply and demand. This is where the price of a product goes up when the supply is low and demand high. We see this happen when the coffee growers have a bad crop and supply cannot meet the demand. When frost hits the orange groves, the price goes up, because the supply is lower than the demand.

Now we have Big Oil raising the price of petroleum, yet they force the price up by deliberately cutting back on supply and what they store in the storage tanks in the refineries. Oh sure, they use every excuse in the book to justify the gouging, but everyone knows, its still Florida swamp land, they're trying to sell.

What boggles my mind is why they are doing this. They are ruining the economy of countries the world over, and it will come back to bite them. People will drive less. You can see this by the number of cottagers who didn't show up for the Highland Games. People will buy less products. Millions of these products and the containers they come in are petroleum based. Car companies are laying off employees, because no one wants a gas guzzling truck or van. I think they are finally starting to realize they better come up with an alternative fuel for the automobile.

What bothers me is that the governments of the free world are allowing this to happen. It is a fact that both Canada and the USA have the right, with the stroke of a pen to stay or even roll back prices, where there is indication that the economy of the country will suffer unjustly from such pricing. This will of course not happen. Understand that these same two governments sell oil to other countries and approve the price as it goes up. We don't even need to buy from the Middle East. We can supply our own oil indefinitely.

We will see another recession. People will be forced out of work, many seeking welfare, and people on fixed income will be wondering if they are going to freeze to death with the price of oil where it is. These governments kowtow to Big Oil and should be ashamed, but what can we do. Throw out the Conservatives (as will surely happen) and you get what? Liberals, who can't seem to get out of the habit of giving your money away illegally or the NDP, who want more of your tax dollars to give to the poor. Maybe the Green Party.

Could one of you rich oil barons please explain what it was I missed in Economics 101, and are we going to double the charge for the wheat we send to these oil rich countries?

Ted Cumber, Gooderham

Letters to the editor are always welcome

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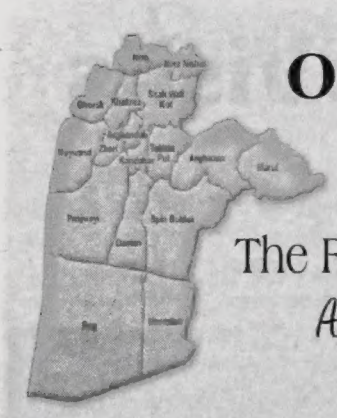

On Holidays

The Road to Kandahar
A Soldier's Journal

by Captain David Beatty

Captain Beatty's on Leave

Captain David Beatty is happily still on leave from his duties in Afghanistan. His column will return shortly. Captain Beatty has provided Voice readers with an intimate look at the duties, responsibilities, sacrifice and camaraderie of our Canadian Forces personnel currently deployed in Kandahar. He recently returned to Canada on leave, but will be resuming his duties, and where possible, his column, in early August.■

Dear Editor:

The Fisheries Act prohibits dumping of waste into fish-bearing natural water bodies. In 2006 the federal government passed new Metal Mining Effluent Regulations under this Act.

Schedule 2 is called Tailings Impoundment Areas. Schedule 2 lists 9 bodies of water that are presently being actively considered as tailing dump sites for mining operations. Three each are located in Nunavut and British Columbia, two in Newfoundland and Labrador, and one in Manitoba.

This first came to my attention when reading the Globe and Mail, June 23, 2008.

To say that I was appalled does not do my reaction justice.

After cooling off for a few days, I wrote to my Prime Minister and expressed my disgust that such an abomination could even be considered by ANY elected parliamentarian of whatever political persuasion.

We live in a region of beautiful lakes. Just living here and playing here will cause pollution. There are laws in place to minimize this impact.

However, to deliberately destroy pristine lakes and rivers by handing them over to international mining corporations for waste disposal is nothing short of criminal.

We are caretakers of the environment. We have no right to deliberately destroy it for corporate profits. We owe this to the generations yet to come.

I urge your readers to inform themselves of the actions of our government in Ottawa and let government know in no uncertain terms, that they were elected to govern in the interest of ALL Canadians, and they were not given carte blanche to act in this irresponsible manner.

It is of interest, that the government did NOT change the Fisheries Act. This would have required bringing it before parliament.

Adding Regulations to the Act can be done without any debate in parliament, even if these Regulations go against the spirit and intent of the Act. If this is permitted, precedent has been set and our lakes may be next.

Respectfully Karl Braeker Norland ON

Dear Editor:

"We love Haliburton and we do not want to leave."

We live in a beautiful home on a beautiful lake in Haliburton. However, we are approaching our senior years and we are beginning to wonder where we will go when we are no longer able to stay in our home. I personally applaud the proposed condo project in Haliburton. However, a condo apartment is not for me. I need to live in a house with a garden and a back yard, be it ever so small.

The pickin's are mighty slim. Single family housing, especially housing suitable for seniors is at a premium in Haliburton and the asking prices for these homes is relatively high. Our option is to build a house in town. After we pay several hundred thousand dollars for the lot, build a house at approximately $200 per sq. foot, put in a well and septic tank, we are looking at considerably more than $300,000. A brand new 2000 sq. foot bungalow, (not including the basement), on municipal sewers and water can be purchased in Bracebridge for $300,000.

Bracebridge also has two reasonably priced developments offering detached bungalows geared for seniors. There are many resort towns all over Ontario that offer similar developments geared solely for seniors.

These communities are attracting seniors who are unable to find suitable housing in Haliburton when they can no longer stay in their high maintenance homes.

We love Haliburton and we do not want to leave. Local politicians need to take the initiative and encourage developers to move into Haliburton and build reasonably priced, low maintenance condominium bungalows for seniors.

Janet Bradley
Haliburton■

Dear Editor,

"Many thanks for the local coverage"

I just wanted to thank "County Voice" and Terrance Gavin for the excellent coverage of the Miskwabi Area Cottager's Association Annual General Meeting (July 17th edition).

It was great to have Terrance there for the whole meeting and even better that he slanted the story in a positive way towards the hatchings of "Bert and Ernie"!

I would like to point out, however, that our Association has the name that it does because we are unique in that we are comprised of four lakes. They are Long Lake, Lake Negaunee, Lake Wenona, and Lake Miskwabi. Each of our lakes have their own individuality but have come together for the past 34 years under one Association.

We believe it's important that each lake be mentioned as each lake is unique.

Again, many thanks for the local coverage.

Yours truly, Larry Holden, President, Miskwabi Area Cottager's Association ■

More Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Please find attached my letter to the residents of Ridge Road involved with the bear encounter and other Haliburton residents. I hope this will be included in next weeks printing as I offer my view on the subject of this bear encounter and the disappointing conclusion, I anticipate some responses. Your staff reporters did a good job in giving a true balanced reporting of this encounter - the outcome certainly urged me to write the response.

Regards Cameron Ferguson

Dear Residents of Ridge Road:

Some Aren't Smarter Than The Average Bear

On Thursday July 24th 2008 I was enjoying my day off from work when it was completely ruined by the update on the Haliburton residents Black Bear encounter. Once again I am slapped in the face with the ignorance, small mindedness and disrespect which some of the human species show towards other species with which we share this planet.

I was absolutely disgusted reading about how vigilante style resident(s) took it upon themselves to take a 'pot shot' with a shotgun at the young Black Bear who was simply following it's instinct. You may say that humans are higher intellectually than most other species; in this case I believe the bear proved to be far more intelligent than the 'Elmer Fudd' style gun wielding Haliburton resident (who couldn't be sure if he hit the bear at all!). The reports by the County Voice Staff Reporters over the last couple of weeks highlighted how this clever bear managed to smell out some pie enter houses through windows get it's prize and leave when chased, all with minimal of damage. Perhaps if the neighbours of Ron Owens used some of that higher intelligence, which some of us humans are supposed to be endowed with, and removed the temptation which the articles suggest, the sweet toothed bear could have been live trapped and relocated by the MNR.

I understand that safety of kids is paramount, but this incident begs the question about how safe it is to have a wounded bear in the vicinity and last seen heading towards town!? In addition what exactly is the stance of the OPP informally suggesting to shoot at the bear if it returns – aren't there laws controlling the discharge of firearms in residential areas? Are the OPP supporting vigilante style of self policing?

As I see it the MNR should be pressing charges for

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Environment Canada Visits Tornado Site

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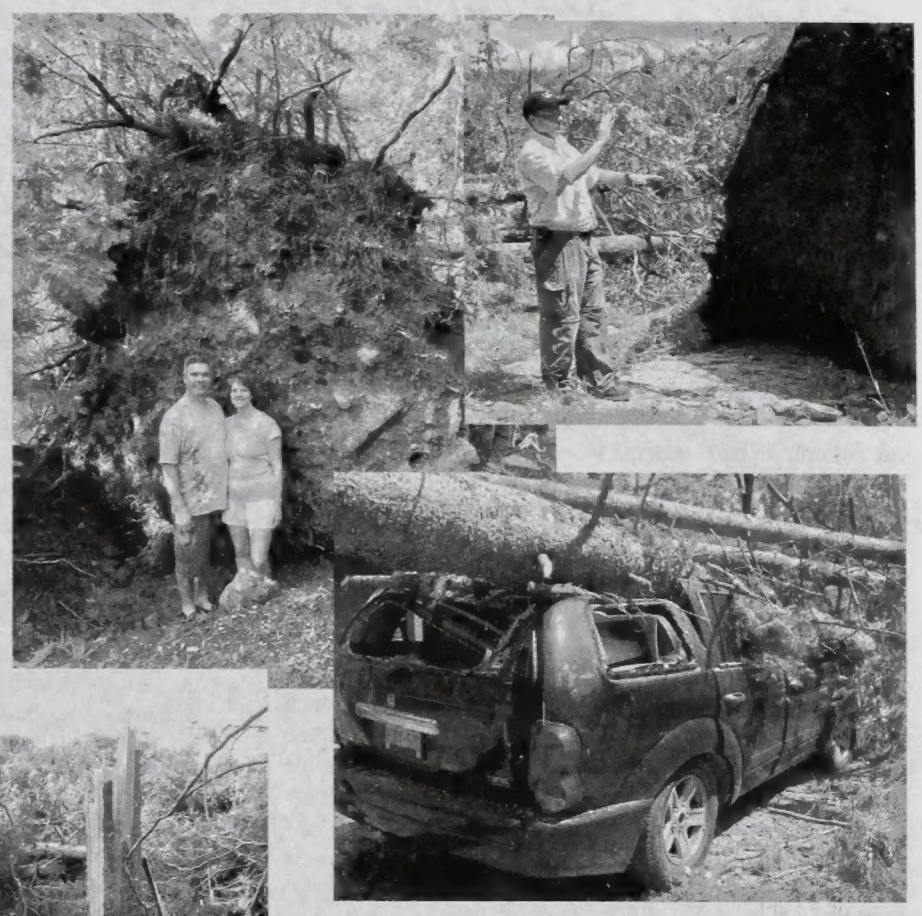
might have been some F2 winds in isolated areas. A rating of 1 on the Fujita scale (1 to 5) indicates wind gusts of 120 to 170 km per hour. Only one F5 tornado (500 km +) has ever been confirmed in Canada.

Andre and Cheryl De Montigny of Whitby were at their cottage on Shadow Lake Rd 28 at 2:33 PM on Saturday, July 26th, when they heard what sounded like a freight train coming at them from across Silver Lake. Their neighbour's shed ended up across the road, about 150 feet from where it had stood, trees were uprooted and a variety of possessions were scattered about. Cheryl likened the experience to the opening scenes from the Wizard of Oz.



At the entrance to Shadow Lake Road #53, a volunteer wearing a red vest asked for the phone number of Hydro One. People really need help he claimed, and he wondered if anyone even knew what had happened. The OPP did arrive to ensure that nobody was injured, but other than that brief visit from police, residents were feeling abandoned in their plight.

At what had become the end of the road, impassable due to downed trees, a man who identified himself only as John, was trying to cope with three acres of devastation. His clock had stopped at 2:15. Trees were lying everywhere and pointing in all directions. He and his young son were trying to cope with the situation alone. A tour of his property was like transcending an obstacle course.

There were huge tree trunks covered in massive gobs of pine gum and live electrical wires to circumnavigate. Anyone without prior familiarity of the property would have become hopelessly lost.

With no hydro and his 2004 Durango buried under massive trees, he had an enormous job ahead of him. Although he seemed to take the situation in stride, it was obvious that, in the end, it was the destruction of the forest that upset him most.

"We can get another car and fix the cottage, but I can't stick that back in the ground", he said, pointing to a huge fallen pine.

The one thing that was agreed upon is that it could have been much worse.

To the best of anyone's knowledge, no injuries had been sustained.■

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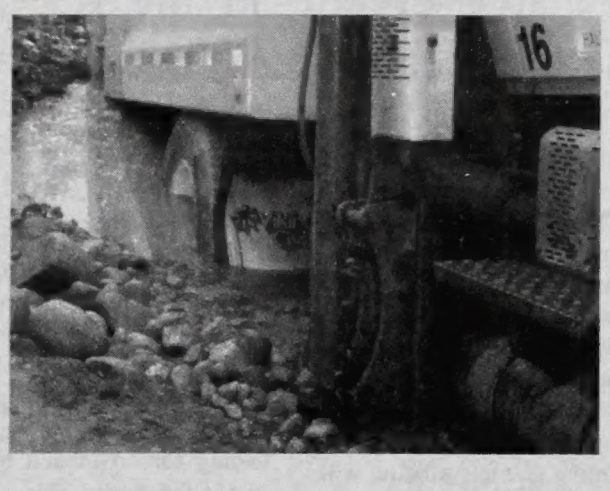
by the public.

So he was mystified last Monday evening when Dysart et al municipal workers dropped a front-end loader off at the end of his driveway. And he was absolutely amazed when a host of dump trucks and workers turned up the next morning and began work on the trail.



For four days he watched the workers dump thousands of kilos of sand on the trail, and spend what Uznanski estimated must have been tens of thousands of dollars on what he considers a "totally ridiculous project." His disbelief reached its zenith when he watched one of the municipality's dump trucks sink into the lake.

"I've lived beside the trail to the boat launch for years, and I tell you, it's used by maybe one or two fishermen a month … That's it," Uznanski said. "Nobody uses this trail. Basshaunt is a motor-free lake, so nobody goes fishing on it. One or two people a month. That's all the people that go on the public access trail."

With so few people using the trail, Uzanski wants to know why the municipality spent so much time and money working on it. "Sir Sams road has been in terrible state of disrepair for years. We've all spent money fixing damage done to our cars by the road. Dozens of people have complained to the municipality. Before it was fixed, more people complained about Sir Sams Road than any other road in the county. For years the municipality just said 'we don't have money to fix the road.' Well if they don't have the money to fix roads, how come they suddenly have the money work on a public access trail that nobody uses?"

Uznanski believes that the money spent on the trail could have been put to better use. "The municipality should have spent the money on roads that people actually use, or on education or healthcare. Not on this trail."

Uznanski is also upset for ecological reasons. "My property is only a few metres from the public access trail. Well, about fifteen years ago I wanted to do some work on the shore line, and I had to do a lot of paper work to ensure that it was environmentally safe. I had to put nets out in the water to stop anything from going into the lake. I was told that the area around the boat launch was a breeding ground for fish, and shouldn't be disturbed. If it's a breeding ground for fish and other species, how come the municipality can come and suddenly dump tones of sand on it?"

The reconstructed trail is now blocking a creek that used to flow into the lake. "The water is already backing up beside the trail. It's spilling over to my property. It's flooding my property." Uznanski said. His house is currently up for sale, and he hates to think what this new trail might do to his property's value.

Uznanski's wife phoned the municipality and asked why the work was being done on the trail. "They told her that one fisherman had complained about the condition of the trail. Just one man complained. But the municipality said that one complaint is as good as 300. How does that make sense?" he said.

The Uznanskis are not the only people upset about the reconstruction of the trail. Neighbour Reg Henley is equally dismayed. "It's a lot of tax dollars gone, that's what this is," Henley said. "It's a big waste of money. Nobody uses this trail. People can only use electic motors on this lake, so very few people launch boats here."

Uznanski and Henley are also upset because they received no notification from the municipality. "We weren't told anything, even though our properties are right here. We only found out there was construction when they started working Tuesday morning," said Henley.

"Spending all this money on the trail will allow snowmobiles to get on the lake easier in the winter, which will make it easier for people to rob cottages," Uznanski said.

Dysart Operations Manager Miles Maughan believes that the construction was a sound municipal investment. "There was a complaint that the trail couldn't be used in the condition it was in," he said. "I got one complaint. It was a valid complaint, because the trail was muddy, and you couldn't even carry a canoe down to the lake. The municipality has to repair public access trails no matter how much they are, or are not, used."

Maughan believes that reconstructed trail is not an environmental problem. "None of the sand went into the lake. There is a buffer zone. And I doubt that the trail is blocking a stream. We'll monitor it, and if it is, we'll install a culvert."

Maughan realizes that people were upset about the poor condition of Sir Sams Road, but he says that is unrelated to public access trail maintenance. "There are different funds. There is money for road repair, and money for trail repair. The two are separate." Maughan was unaware of the cost of the reconstruction, and said, "I have no idea how much money it cost the municipality."

Although Uznanski and Henley were upset with the construction, they were shocked to see the back end of a municipality dump truck sink into the lake. "They trail runs right through a swamp, so of course it's unstable. I guess the workers didn't realize how unstable it was, because their truck just sunk right into the mud where the trail meets the lake," Henley said. "You couldn't even see the back tires it was in so deep. It took them a long time to tow it out. It was quite a fiasco."■

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an illegal kill and poaching on the 'Elmer Fudd' style bear hunter, and perhaps on the OPP officer who suggested to the residents take the law into their own hands. Now that would be justice.

Unfortunately it's too late for the young un-aggressive Black Bear who's only weaknesses were to follow its natural instinct and having a sweet tooth. The next time Ron Owen's neighbour gets the urge to visit the dessert isle in the supermarket or eat some pie maybe he could get shot in the shoulder and "left to bleed out while whimpering and howling". Now that would also be justice

Let us hope that the rest of the people in Haliburton Village are more inteiligent and respectful to nature than those in question and we can follow the MNR recommendations on how to be bear safe. There are workshops and educational classes advertised throughout the county on how to be "Bear Smart". If you don't have the smarts or the common sense already these sessions would be well worth a visit.

Some people should be reminded that we are not living in a large urban centre but in a forested area where bears have been calling it home longer than we have. Also there is a good chance that if this were Toronto it wouldn't be a bear making a nightly visit but another human (probably armed with gun or knife) and they would want a lot more than a piece of pie left on the counter. I am pretty sure we all can be "Smarter Than The Average Bear" after all WE are in THEIR back yard!!!

Cameron Ferguson
(A Disappointed Haliburton Resident)

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Canada and Ontario Sign a $6.2 Billion Dollar Infrastructure Agreement

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

The County and Municipal Councils will all be sharpening their pencils and sprucing up applications for infrastructure funding given the Federal and Provincial Governments' recent injection of $6.2 billion dollars into Ontario's lagging economy. The funding agreement which was announced last Thursday, comes under the 'Building Canada' plan that will invest $33 billion dollars overall on infrastructure initiatives across Canada.

> "We should ensure that everyone in the County has broadband Internet service. That should be our focus." Reeve Murray Fearrey

While all the details of the program are yet to be determined for municipalities, the $6.2 billion dollars for Ontario will be targeted at improving roads, bridges, transit systems and other infrastructure including clean drinking water, solid waste management and community energy systems. One new component to the funding is the agreement to invest in expanding rural broadband coverage in southern and eastern Ontario. This comes as welcome news to rural residents tied to inefficient and ponderous dial-up service.

Government officials are claiming that this funding will provide a major boost to Ontario's economy which has taken such a hit given all the lay-offs in the manufacturing and auto sectors. New construction projects that are funded under the Building Canada plan should create more jobs through to the end of 2014.

Municipalities will have to meet a number of conditions. First, the necessary funding approvals must be completed by the federal and provincial Treasury Boards respectively. Second, all applicable environmental assessments must be in place as well as assurances that projects are consistent with provincial water policy. Third, contribution agreements must detail the elements of each project, schedule, costs and funding parameters.

And finally, the feds announced that every Ontario municipality will receive a full GST rebate and a further $2.98 billion will flow to the municipalities through the extension of the federal Gas Tax Fund agreement from 2010 to 2014.

The County's Chief Administrative Officer Jim Wilson was especially pleased that both levels of government seem dedicated to investing in infrastructure projects. Wilson says that his office is waiting for the details of the agreement to be announced. "We'll be making applications depending on the criteria. We have a number of roads and bridge projects in mind and are getting engineering work completed in anticipation of this type of funding."

Warden Eleanor Harrison said, "We don't have the details yet as to when the first intake of applications will be, but it's certainly good news. Every municipality in Ontario has infrastructure needs."

"We'll be applying both at the County and Municipal levels for projects. The County's Director of Public Works has a list of priorities for roads, bridges and culverts and we'll be ready with applications as soon as we have the details of the agreement," Harrison said.

The County Council decided last week that they will be proceeding with an application under the Rural Connections Broadband Program for the maximum allowable of $3 million on broadband coverage which would close existing service gaps and expand the service throughout the County.

Harrison said, "If broadband coverage is part of the new Building Canada plan, the County will try its best to acquire funding for broadband over and above what we already have in the works. This is an exciting new ingredient in the program."

Harrison also said, "We have to remember that community projects are decided on a competitive process, but at least the opportunity is there for all of us to submit applications for what we feel are our most urgent projects."

When asked about priorities for Algonquin Highlands, Harrison said her municipality would certainly apply for more funding for the Buckslide Bridge project. She said, "We're still waiting for a final engineering report. Right now our major concern is how best to proceed."

The municipality is in a quandary about whether to rebuild the bridge in its present location which is attached to a Trent Severn dam or to try to separate from the system and move further downstream. Harrison said, "It's difficult to work under the present circumstances as we haven't been successful in our initial discussions with the Trent Severn Waterway. A brand new structure separate from the dam could cost in excess of one million dollars." Harrison said her staff has been looking at the recent Dillman's Bridge installation in Highlands East to see if the same application might work for the Buckslide Bridge.

Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey told the Voice: "We should ensure that everyone in the County has broadband Internet service. That should be our focus."

Fearrey also stressed the importance of providing good transportation routes and infrastructure in the county, adding that there are always roads and bridges that need upgrading.

As to projects in Dysart et al, Fearrey stressed the importance of looking after youth in the community. He said, "From a personal perspective I would like to see funding put into better recreational facilities. We need a general recreation area, a ball diamond and an improved skateboard park." Fearrey added that once more details were available on the Building Canada program the Dysart Council would look at their priorities for funding applications.■

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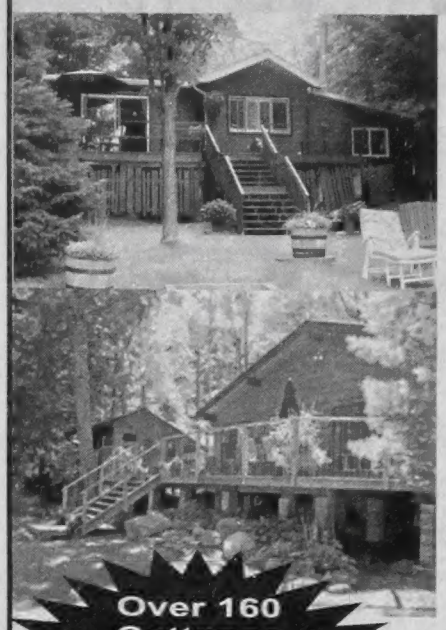
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Algonquin Highlands Amends Zoning By-Law:

Sleeping Cabins, Shoreline Buffers and Permitted Non-complying Structures the Focus

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

On Thursday, July 27th the Algonquin Highlands Council officially adopted an amended zoning by-law. Planner Greg Corbett from Planscape in Bracebridge was present at a Public Meeting to give Council an overview of the changes and to respond to concerns. Items of interest included allowances for sleeping cabins in certain zones, the addition of a shoreline buffer, management of permitted non-complying structures and the decision to defer zoning provisions for wind turbines in the municipality.

Municipal Clerk Angie Bird advised Council that the changes being brought forward were primarily the result of a meeting held on October 4th, 2007. Bird said that the by-law was revisited as a result of discussions held at that time. Bird confirmed that any concerns raised had been satisfied and circulation of the draft by-law completed as required. Final circulation of the by-law did result in a few enquiries and comments, but according to Bird no objections were received.

Corbett advised Council that one of the major changes made to the draft by-law was the removal of definitions and provisions for wind turbines. Corbett said, "When concerns were raised we looked into the matter a bit further. Wind turbines are a contentious issue and we are recommending their removal until a more thorough review is conducted."

According to Corbett a lot of 'word-smithing' was done with respect to legal non-conforming building structures. A new section has been added to the by-law to allow the reconstruction, renovation, relocation and enlargement or repair of an existing non-conforming building that doesn't comply with the by-law's setback requirements, provided there are no further encroachments. Any additions to a structure must maintain the existing setback from the high water mark of 15 metres.

In addition, any building in existence that did not comply with the zoning when it was established can be rebuilt if the building becomes damaged by causes beyond the owner's control provided the size of the building doesn't increase.

Bird referred to a request she had received from the Livingstone Lake Association asking that the status of the lake be changed to 'highly sensitive'. According to Bird, when the Official Plan was prepared, both the Ministry of Natural Resources and Ministry of the Environment determined that the lake is moderately sensitive to the environment. Any changes to levels of sensitivity must be made during the Official Plan review process after consultation with MNR and MOE. On the passing of the by-law the setback requirements for new lots created on a number of lakes including Livingstone will be 30 metres.

Adding to the discussion on the listing of lakes, Corbett commented on a second list of lakes that have reached capacity with respect to development. The minimum lot size requirements for those lakes will remain the same as they are now and there will be no right to divide these properties regardless of their size unless there are extreme circumstances that need to be considered.

Corbett recommended maintaining consistency between the Official Plan and the Zoning By-law. He said that at the present time Livingstone Lake is not at capacity and should not be on the list. Corbett added that the lakes listed at the present time should be included in the amendments to let people know that future development will be an uphill battle.

Another change to the by-law is that sleeping cabins (no larger than 45 square metres) will now be permitted in Rural Residential and Hamlet Residential zones. Corbett advised that no cooking or kitchen facilities will be allowed in the sleeping cabins and they cannot be used for financial gain. Sleeping cabins can, however contain sanitary facilities as long as they are approved by the appropriate authority.

The final substantial change to the by-law is the establishment of a definition for a shoreline buffer. This is being done in part to satisfy requests received by the Municipality to establish greater shoreline controls. The shoreline buffer is described as a natural area maintained in its natural pre-development state, with the exception of pruning and removal of trees for safety reasons.

Corbett said that the by-law establishes a requirement for a shoreline buffer of 20 metres along the lake from the high water mark which must be maintained in its natural state. Thirty percent of that frontage to a maximum of 66 feet will be allowed to be cleared for pathways and docks.

According to Corbett, with the inclusion of this new definition, the Council will be able to apply conditions to applications for development in order to protect the water quality, wildlife/fish habitat and to protect the natural environment.■

Hydro One donates $15,000 to Dysart

Hydro One made a $15,000 PowerPlay grant to the Municipality of Dysart et al, to make improvements to the Dysart Arena, including adding energy-efficient lighting. The PowerPlay program benefits children's outdoor and active play facilities in Ontario communities served by Hydro One.

The Dysart Arena improvements are among the more than 40 community projects to receive funding this summer as part of Hydro One's PowerPlay Program. More than $440,000 will be awarded in this round of grant allocations. Earlier this year, Hydro One awarded an additional 48 grants in Ontario, in the initial phase of the PowerPlay Program. The next application deadline is September 30, 2008.

"Hydro One employees believe it is important to give back to the communities in which we live and work," said Laura Formusa, President and CEO, Hydro One. "Through our PowerPlay Grants Program, we can make a meaningful difference to the lives of children living in the communities we serve by supporting the development of safe and healthy play facilities."

"This donation from Hydro One will allow us to continue subsidizing rental rates for youth organizations, by allowing us to install more energy efficient lighting and reduce energy costs in the arena," said Dysart's CAO/Clerk, Tammy McKelvey.

The PowerPlay program is open to municipalities and registered charities in Hydro One-served communities. The program offers grants up to $25,000. This includes new facilities and renovation of existing facilities that are open and accessible to the community at large. Additional funding may be available where energy efficiency measures are incorporated into the project.■

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Special Events and Fingerboard Signs Approved for Dysart

"This would be a terrific challenge for the artistic community."
(Councillor Janis Parker)

After much discussion throughout the County about reducing sign pollution and ever tightening controls being placed on signage, this month the Dysart et al Council gave the nod to two kinds of signs. Special Events signs will now be allowed in the Municipality without having to get a permit and Personal Fingerboard Signs will also be allowed once a design is established for them.

A special events sign means a temporary sign that advertises a community event. These signs can now be posted without benefit of a permit provided the community event being planned has been approved in advance by the Council.

During the discussion leading up to approving an amendment to the Sign By-Law (which regulates the placement of signs and other advertising devices) Reeve Murray Fearrey suggested there should be some controls over the length of time a special event sign can be in place.

Councillor Janis Parker said, "The Rails End Gallery recently set a good example with their signs going up the Wednesday prior to their event and removed on Sunday."

Councillor Derek Knowles gave an example of a lake association putting signs out a month prior to their meeting. He suggested that the signs could go up two weeks in advance of an event and be removed no more than two weeks after, but asked who would enforce the by-law.

In discussing the definition of a "community event' Council agreed it must be run by an organization from within the County of Haliburton. CEO Tammy McKelvey commented that from time to time organizations don't contact the Municipality in cases where a permit isn't required. After a bit more discussion, Council had to agree that it was difficult to define a community event. This is an item that will likely return to the table in the future.

Council directed staff to send a form letter out, once the by-law is passed to all organizations that regularly hold events to advise them of the changes to the by-law. The problem that remained was that in order to specify a time another amended by-law will be required. No decision was reached on the time that special event signs could be displayed.

The by-law was passed approving the special events sign without specific time restrictions.

Discussion then turned to a memorandum from McKelvey detailing a request from an individual for a fingerboard directory type of sign. The individual wanted the sign to be installed at the intersection of their road that would show the names of property owners along the road. While the individual was advised that this type of sign is presently prohibited under the sign by-law they asked that the matter be taken to Council for further consideration.

Up to this point the by-law does allow personal signs posted solely on an owner's property but there are size restrictions to be considered (less than 0.2 square metres).

McKelvey commented on previous rationale by Council that disallowed fingerboard signs when all the roads were named and properties given 911 numbers.

Fearrey said there are a number of fingerboard signs in place already. He suggested that if the signs were neat and off the property lines they could be allowed.

Knowles said, "This would accomplish two things. All the little signs tacked to the trees would be gone, and we could standardize the sign so they're all the same."

Parker suggested that this would be a terrific challenge for the artistic community and Council, agreeing with this suggestion, asked staff to seek out designs for the new style of signs.

The by-law is to be amended to include fingerboard signs and brought back to the Council for consideration in August.■

Lochlin Community Centre Needs Help

The Lochlin Community Centre is desperately looking for community minded people to help keep the Centre going.

The building which now houses the Community Centre was the original Lochlin school house. Build in 1950, the first teacher was Mrs. Celia Brown. The well respected Mrs. Brown, who still resides in Lochlin, had the privileged of teaching three generation of Lochlin residents, and had a positive influence on almost all of them. Most long time residents have fond memories of their school days there.

In 1968, the school house was closed. "Lochlin may be a small village but it has maintained a rich history of logging, trapping, farming, and neighborly love, so with the generous financial assistance of members of the community, the former school house was turned into the Lochlin Community Centre," said Marlene Brett, a board member of the Lochlin Community Centre Committee. "Since then the centre has become a place where people can gather for card games, community dinners, private parties, baseball games, family picnics, or to just socialize with neighbours."

Today, many of the residents have moved away or passed on, and newcomers are being welcomed to the neighbourhood. "The best way to keep up with neighbours or meet new people is to gather at the Community Centre," Brett said.

In order to keep this vital part of the Lochlin community going, the Centre needs more people to assist at the many functions. "We need new ideas and enthusiastic people who are concerned about keeping a small part of our history intact!" Brett said.

"We meet once a month and plan fundraising events and other matters concerning retaining the centre," she said. "Two hours a month is not too much to ask of a community minded volunteer. You will enjoy the camaraderie as well as knowing you have given something important back to your community."

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	3:00PM - 4:30PM	SEMINAR TENT	"FAST TRACK TO WINE TASTING" BY RICHARD BEST - PART 1/WHITE
	4:30PM - 6:00PM	SEMINAR TENT	SHARI DARLING PRESENTS "HARMONY ON THE PALATE"
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	9:30PM - 11:00PM	MAIN STAGE	FATHEAD - 2008 JUNO AWARD WINNERS - BLUES & SOUL
SUNDAY	12:00PM - 1:00PM		FESTIVAL OPENS
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Kim Gonneau Raises Thousands for the Fight Against Breast Cancer

Local Cottager On a Mission

Kim Gonneau has been a cottager in Haliburton County for the past 10 years, but that doesn't mean she's been taking it easy.

Last year, Gonneau raised $21,900 for breast cancer and this year she's well on her way to beating that record.

"My goal this year is to raise $33,333.33," said Gonneau who was raising funds in front of the LCBO in Haliburton two weeks ago.

Gonneau first decided to get involved in the fight against breast cancer after her sister Sally was diagnosed with the disease in May of 2006. Thankfully, her sister is currently cancer-free. Since her sister's diagnoses, she has participated annually in the 60 km "Weekend to End Breast Cancer" walk held by the Princess Margaret Hospital. She is ranked #5 in the top 10 fundraisers in Toronto.

"Last year was going to be my last walk, but I decided that I'm going to walk forever," she says.

Gonneau, who lives in Whitby, works full-time as an insurance contractor. Whenever she finds some free time, she can be found be working away on jewellery and other items that she sells to raise funds for the cause.

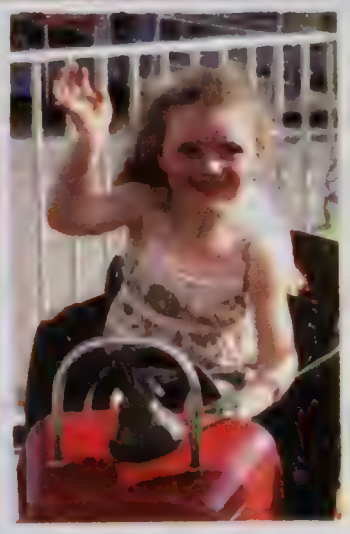
"The job I have is a 14-hour a day job but I still find the time to do this. It's very important to me." Gonneau says that with the assistance of her daughter, who came up with theme of "Hope Blooms", the two spend up to three hours a night create these various pieces.

On her personal fundraising page located on the Weekend to End Cancer web site, Gonneau states, "I am walking for my Sally, however my walk will also benefit all of the 'Sally's' of today and tomorrow."

All across Ontario, The Weekend to End Breast Cancer helps breast cancer patients get the care they need to become breast cancer survivors. Money raised by a rapidly growing number of Walkers is funding advanced research that yields life-saving new treatments.

For more on this event visit www.endcancer.ca. ■

Minden Rotary Carnival



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Highlights of the Minden Rotary Carnival held in Minden on July 29th and 30th. This is the 60th anniversary for this fun family event. If you missed this year's excitement - don't miss the fun next year.
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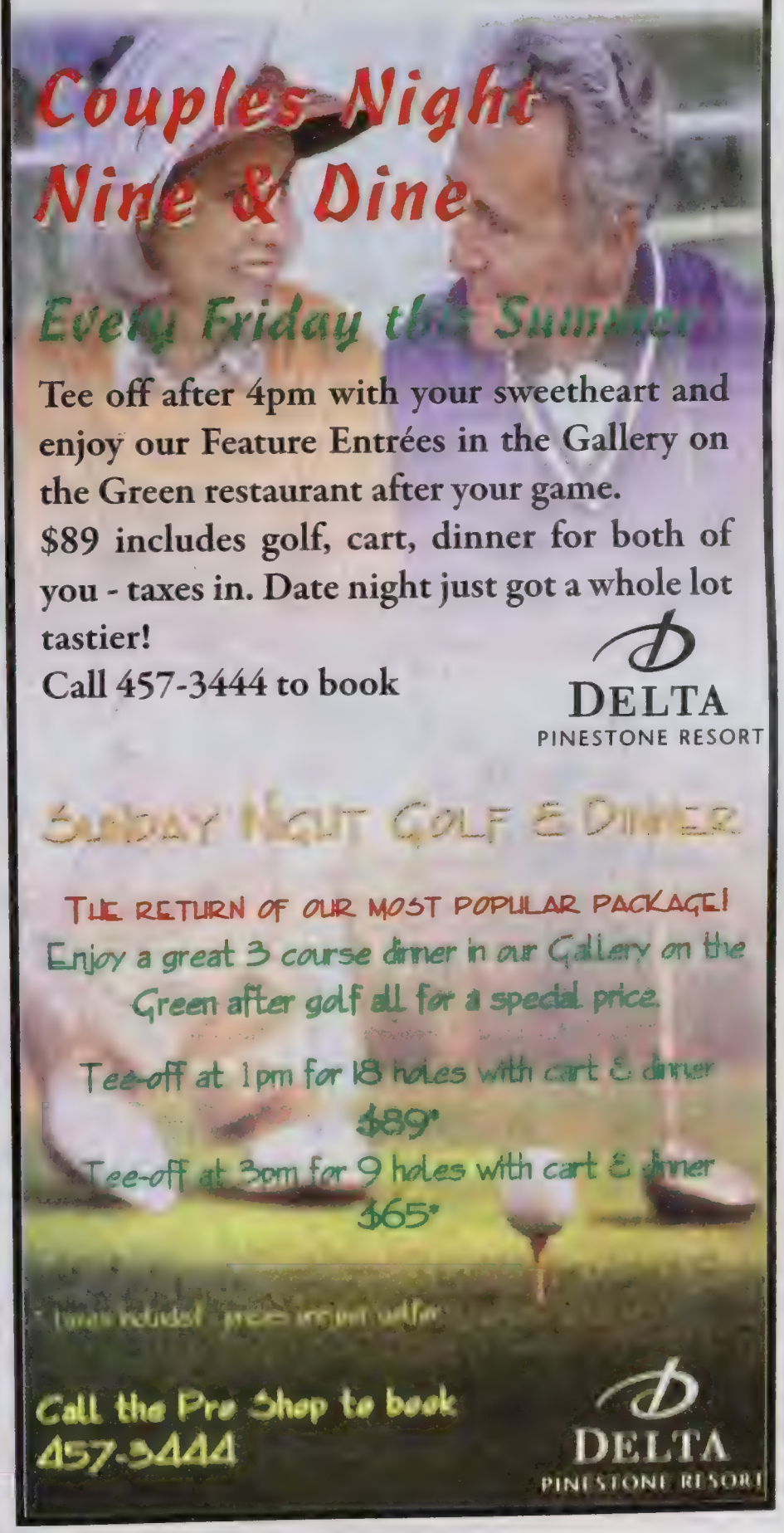

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A Stitch in Time

Seanna O'Neil, Susan Sheehan, MPP Laurie Scott, and Sharon Middlehurst

Best in Show Award went to Lynda Eaton, of Carnarvon, for her Quilt Dragonfly

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Highlands Heritage Dream Quilt Unveiled at Quilt Show

The "Heart of the Highlands" Biannual Quilt Show took place at the Minden Curling Club this past weekend. There were approximately 120 entries displayed, along with about twenty quilts from featured quilter, Esther Graham. Best of Show was awarded to Lynda Eaton of Carnarvon for her entry titled "Dragonfly".

The highlight of this year's show however, was the unveiling of the Highlands Heritage Dream Quilt, a project undertaken by the Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild's "dream team". Their ambitious idea raised $18,547.00 which was donated to the Cottage Dreams Cancer Recovery Initiative, a charity founded by Haliburton's Seana O'Neill. Cottage Dreams provides a gift of time away with family in a relaxing environment for individuals recovering from cancer.

The quilt itself highlights the names of individual and business donors, and contains over eight million stitches. Albums containing names and biographies of each donor accompany the dream quilt.

Although not as dramatic as the infamous "wardrobe malfunction", the group was presented with a minor glitch during the unveiling. It seems the string was tangled at the top of the display structure which required a quick fix which was skillfully performed from atop a planter box by MPP Laurie Scott who was on hand for the official unveiling.

The reading of a letter received from Governor General, Michaelle Jean provided recognition, and an emotional moment for those who worked tirelessly to bring the dream quilt project to fruition.

One couldn't help but be impressed by what is possible when individuals and groups from a variety of locations within the Haliburton Highlands community work together and support each other to accomplish a common goal. The Highlands Heritage Dream Quilt is a tangible example! ■

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TRAFFIC

Haliburton Highlands OPP officers responded to twenty two motor vehicle collisions during the period from July 18 to 22, 2008.

BREAK & ENTER

Officers responded to three complaints of Break & Enter in various locations in the County. Stolen property included tools, a boat motor and chainsaw from two of locations while one residence entered did not have any property taken. The public is urged to call Police or Crime Stoppers with any information that may lead to the identity of the individuals responsible.

DRUGS

Tuesday 22 July 08 – A traffic stop on County Road 503 east of Gooderham, resulted in the arrest of a male charged with possession of Marihuana in addition to driving and liquor infractions. Twenty four year old Jeffery Christopher Weerdenburg will appear in Minden Court on September 3, 2008.

MISCHIEF

Friday 18 July 08 – An unknown person(s) tampered with the portable ATM at the Minden TD Bank machine by trying to remove the card reader. Although unsuccessful, the public is reminded to ensure your PIN number is obscured when being used and also to be aware of anything unusual while using the ATM. Suspicious activity should be reported to Bank officials, OPP or Crime Stoppers.
Sunday 20 July 08 – Police received a report of the Foodland store on Essonville Line in Highlands East was spray painted overnight. Black and white paint was used to spray the side of the building and storage trailer. The public is asked to call Police or Crime Stoppers with any information.
Monday 21 July 08 – Unknown vandals caused senseless damage to 5 mailboxes along Church Lane, North Shore Road and Placid Lane in Algonquin Highlands and one other on Fedora Drive in Minden Hills. The public is urged to call Police or Crime Stoppers with any information that may lead to the identity of the individuals responsible.

THEFT

Friday 18 July 08 – Theft of 2 boat motors and 1 personal water craft from Kennesis Lake occurred while homeowners were away. A lawn tractor was taken from a residence in Minden Hills. No suspects at this time. Investigation ongoing.

Any information regarding the above investigations can be forwarded to:
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Newcap Buys the MOOSE FM

Haliburton's MOOSE FM, along with its 11 sister stations across Central Ontario, will shortly become part of the Newfoundland Capital Corporation (Newcap) as part of a major acquisition announced this week. For a cool $19 million, Newcap bought the 12 FM radio licenses from the Haliburton Broadcasting Group, owned by Christopher and Kimberley Grossman. Christopher Grossman will stay on as a consultant with Newcap, but the day-to-day management will shift to the new owners. The Grossmans were once owners of the Wig a Mog Inn, and Kimberley (daughter of Art and Joan Ward) is a Haliburton native.

Newcap's Chief Operating Officer Dave Murray told the Voice, "We're not a cookie cutter type of operation, where all stations sound the same. We treat each market individually, we program them individually, and we've been extremely impressed with the management and operating team that Chris has assembled." Asked if current staff could expect any layoffs once the deal is complete, Murray said, "Absolutely not. In fact, we hope to be able to add resources, particularly programming resources, to each of our new stations. We've been successful right across Canada because we respect the differences between the communities we serve." This acquisition will give Newcap a total of 88 radio licenses and two TV licenses across Canada. The company has its headquarters in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia.

The sale has to be approved by the Canadian Radio and Television Commission, which will hear the application in November. Formal approval is expected by January, 2009.■

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Earthweek: A Diary of the Planet

By Steve Newman

Penguin Fatalities

More than 400 penguins have been found dead on the beaches of Rio de Janeiro over the past few months, a far greater number than anyone can remember. Some wildlife experts have blamed offshore oil for poisoning the migrants from far cooler climates, while others say climate change has made ocean currents so strong that the birds are unable to out-swim them while in search of food. Thiago Muniz, a veterinarian at the Niteroi Zoo, said the facility has received about 100 penguins for treatment this year, with many drenched in oil. Some believe that oil may have come from drilling in Brazil's offshore Campos basin. Environmental official Eduardo Pimenta says exposure to the oil has lowered the animals' immunity, "leaving them vulnerable to funguses and bacteria that attack their lungs."

Beaver Blight

An international conservation group is calling for the widespread killing of non-native beavers in southern Chile and Argentina to save some of the planet's rarest forests. Fifty North American beavers were introduced to Tierra del Fuego, at the southern tip of South America, in 1949 to establish a fur trade. Some migrated across the Magellan Strait, and have since multiplied on the mainland to more than 100,000. Advanced Conservation Strategies, in a report commissioned by the two affected countries, says the animals lay waste to millions of acres of trees along rivers, leaving behind something that "looks as if bulldozers have been let loose." The group says the region's trees evolved without the presence of beavers, and do not recover after being gnawed down by the animals.

Breaking Bovine Wind

An Australian dairy nutrition expert says he and other scientists have uncovered a cost-effective method to reduce the methane output from one of the world's largest greenhouse gas producers — cows. Chris Grainger of the Department of Primary Industries told the Australian Broadcasting Corp. that feeding livestock byproducts from other industries, such as cottonseeds, can significantly reduce the amount of methane the cows produce as a result of digestion. "It's high in energy and it's high in protein levels, it's about 22 percent crude protein, but the secret ingredient is that it contains about 22 percent oil," Grainger told the broadcaster. He and scientists from Canada and New Zealand found that the oil from cottonseed is what seems to cause the reduction in the greenhouse gas flatulence.

Tropical Cyclones

Hurricane Dolly slammed into southern Texas as a Category 2 storm, injuring several people and causing significant damage.

• Tropical Storm Cristobal brought welcome rainfall to eastern North Carolina that helped douse a stubborn wildfire that had burned thousands of acres during July.

• Hurricanes Fausto and Genevieve churned the waters of the eastern Pacific off Mexico.

Earthquakes

The strongest in a series of powerful earthquakes to jolt northeastern Japan injured at least 130 people as the shaking also shattered windows and set off fires. Some residents on northern Honshu Island described the 6.8 magnitude quake as the strongest ever felt in their lives.

• A western Ecuador quake injured two people and caused some old buildings and shacks to collapse.

• One person died in an aftershock in China's Sichuan province.

• A mild quake was felt in Indonesia's Central Java province.

Alaskan Eruption

The second volcano to erupt in Alaska's Aleutian Islands within a week spewed ash high into the air, threatening aviation. Health officials also warned that the combined ash from newly erupting Cleveland volcano with that of Okmok could cause respiratory problems for nearby residents. Ash from Okmok, 90 miles from Cleveland's crater, began falling over the area last week.

Deadly Indulgence

A drunken elk fell victim to an annual abundance of fermenting fruit when Swedish hunters were forced to shoot it. Eating too many rotting apples is believed to have caused the animal to charge and bite a young girl who was playing in a backyard sandbox in the city of Kungalv, according to the Swedish news agency TT. "I suddenly heard a loud scream. I threw myself over the hedge, grabbed Nova and ran back into the house," said the girl's mother, Maria Schelin. The drunken marauder disappeared, but was later tracked down and killed by a group of hunters. Scandinavian elk often become intoxicated after eating fermenting apples, but it usually occurs late in the fall. In 2002, a drunken bull elk was shot after it attacked an 8-year-old boy. Another intemperate elk laid siege to a Swedish schoolhouse in November 2006.

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Shoreline Controls on Kawagama Lake

Members of the Kawagama Lake Cottagers Association (KLCA) and the Algonquin Highlands Council found they were both working from the same page regarding shoreline controls last month. Chuck McDonald and Eric Miller of the KLCA met with Council and discussed a number of issues. While the focus of their discussions centred on the need for greater shoreline controls, water sampling and airport development were also covered.

McDonald and Miller have also met with Dysart Council to discuss the possibility of a by-law that would control shoreline alterations and vegetation removal. McDonald reported that KLCA members have monitored activity in Lake of Bays following their establishment of a similar by-law. After two years of monitoring the by-law's success in Lake of Bays, KLCA membership was polled and support received to approach both Dysart and Algonquin Highlands in efforts to establish by-laws that will help protect their shorelines. The Dysart Council agreed to give the matter consideration, but according to McDonald they have heard no word yet. Establishing this type of control in Algonquin Highlands turned out to be much simpler.

Deputy Reeve Tom Gardner advised McDonald and Miller that last fall Council included a requirement for shoreline buffers during a review of their comprehensive zoning by-law. Municipal Clerk Angie Bird said the Council had also passed a number of site-specific by-laws where conditions requiring replanting on a shoreline were imposed as part of severance agreements. She said this same process is in place as part of minor variance applications as well. Bird also said that even though the official plan requires developers to maintain specified amounts of vegetation, the Municipality had no real way to enforce replanting.

Referring to the plan, Gardner said, "We needed to give it some teeth." Gardner read the definition of a shoreline buffer in the zoning by-law and suggested that the proposed change should take care of the concerns raised by the KLCA. Miller agreed that both groups seemed to be on the same page, adding that their request would further reinforce the action taken by Council in the hopes of greater controls. Gardner commented that Council had heard of instances that constituted clear cutting in some areas and that they had wanted a stronger mechanism to deal with the problem.

Reeve Eleanor Harrison said that Dysart and Algonquin Highlands should try to be on the same page when dealing with issues of mutual concern like this. She suggested comments be sought from Dysart.

Councillor Don Shortreed inquired about KLCA's water sampling program, asking if it would be expanded in the future. Miller said last summer the Association had started a pilot project, testing for e-coli and coliforms. He said they had received encouraging results from the program and had decided to expand it to establish a baseline for future comparisons. Eight sites will be tested four times this year. Miller added that whether phosphorus testing would be done in the future was still in the air as it is a costly process.

McDonald then inquired about activity at the airport, commenting that he understood it to be a bit of an issue at the present time. Harrison said, "We're doing extensive work at the site to determine if we can build a new runway." She said that land had been purchased late last year with that in mind, adding that the Council wants to make an educated decision as to whether the property would sustain a runway. "We have some safety issues on the existing runway and we need to determine if we can build a cross wind runway," Harrison said. She added that the Council would share the results of their investigations with the public at regular Council meetings and an open house early in the fall.■

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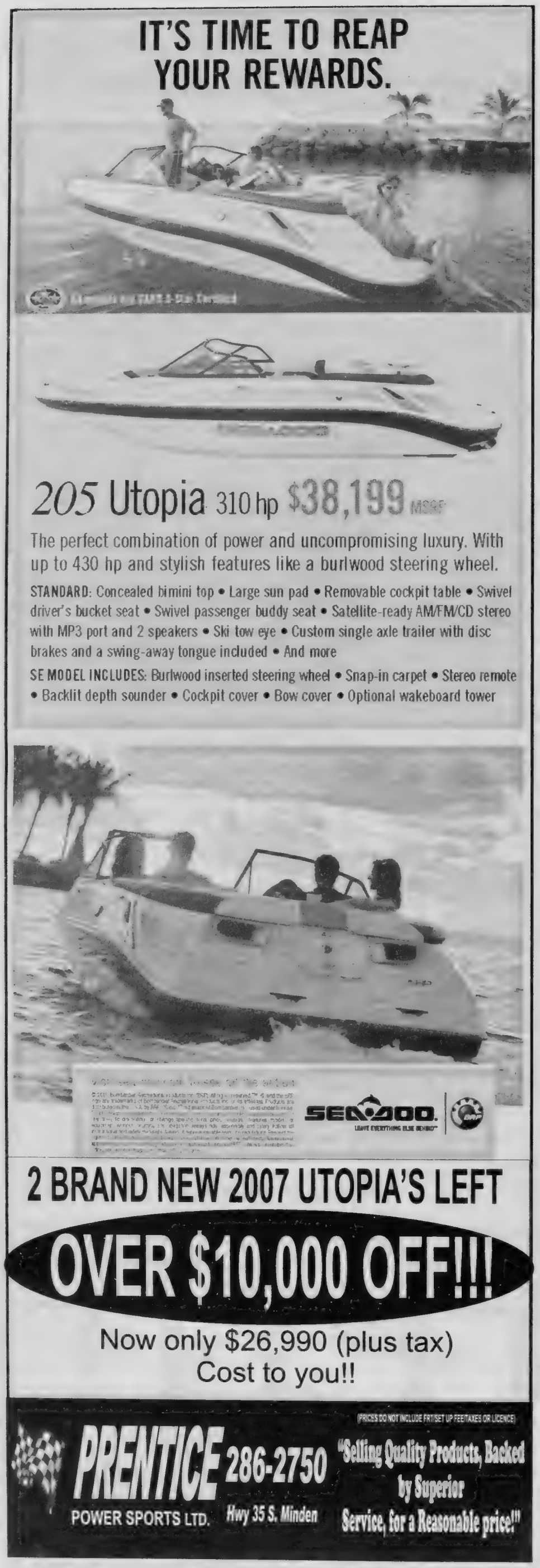


County Approves Library Board Decision To Keep Threatened Branches Open

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

Last Thursday Haliburton County Council confirmed the Library Board's reversal on their decision made early this year to fund only one library in each municipality. In essence, this places all of the existing eight libraries in the County into a safety net until at least the fall of 2010.

Library Board Chair Cheryl Murdoch said, "The direction at the table was that no later than September we would make a recommendation regarding the motion that presently stands that one library in each municipality would be closed."

Murdoch said everyone agreed that closures would not happen in the near future. She added however that she didn't want the issue to, as she put it, remain in cyberspace again with no action being taken.

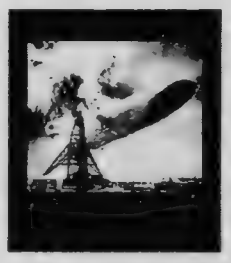
The earlier decision for closures was based on a number of factors. A report prepared for the Board indicated that the building sizes in many of the library facilities didn't meet current standards and many had deficiencies including dampness, air quality and ventilation, disabled accessibility and load bearing problems. Many of the existing branches don't offer much in terms of expansion or improvement capabilities and space for additional programs or services is limited or non-existent.

Statistics also indicated a steady decline in circulation, programming that wasn't uniformly available through the County and usage representing only 26 percent of the permanent population. The Board is faced with attempting to rationalize the number of facilities in existence and how to ensure the provision of better services to taxpayers.

A public meeting was held late in January in Wilberforce with over 100 people in attendance and the Board heard a resounding voice from the crowd asking that the libraries remain open. They offered a plethora or reasons, but the petitioners especially stressed that, at a grass roots level, libraries form an integral part of each community. At the time, Murdoch congratulated the ratepayers of Highlands East, agreeing that the Board had underestimated residents' desire to maintain the status quo. She agreed that the County Council and Library Board needed to do some soul searching about their decision. County's resolution on the closures which was to take place by the end of this fiscal year has been on the shelf ever since.

Murdoch said that the Library Board was prepared to make a further recommendation in the fall of 2010. This would allow sufficient time for the new libraries in Dysart and Minden Hills to become operational and to evaluate the impact that those libraries would have on the smaller libraries throughout the County.

There was a considerable amount of discussion on the actual wording of the Council's resolution as everyone wanted to ensure that a recommendation will be made for the next Council to act upon. Murdoch said, "I don't want to leave the new Council hanging in the breeze. We have to ensure we carry through with this."■



Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

On July 31, 1964, Ranger 7, an unmanned U.S. lunar probe, takes the first close-up images of the moon before it impacts with the lunar surface northwest of the Sea of the Clouds. The images were 1,000 times as clear as anything ever seen through Earth-bound telescopes.

On Aug. 1, 1953, "Shane," considered by many critics to be the greatest Western movie, is released by Paramount Pictures. "Shane" was a new type of Western. After World War II, Americans who had lived through the horrors and hardships began to crave books and films that offered more realistic and complex characters.

On Aug. 2, 1933, Irish actor Peter O'Toole is born. He received the first of six Oscar nominations in 1962 for his performance as the title character in "Lawrence of Arabia."

On Aug. 3, 1861, the last entry of the serialized novel "Great Expectations" by Charles Dickens is published. Dickens' father was thrown in debtors' prison in 1824, and 12-year-old Charles was sent to work in a factory. The miserable treatment of children and the institution of the debtors' jail became topics of several of Dickens' novels.

On Aug. 4, 1892, Andrew and Abby Borden are found hacked to death in their home in Fall River, Mass. Daughter Lizzie Borden was arrested and charged with the double homicide, but was later acquitted, as local authorities didn't trust fingerprint technology.

On Aug. 6, 1911, Lucille Ball, destined to become one of America's most beloved comic actresses, is born near Jamestown, N.Y. Her long career began in 1933 when she was hired as the Chesterfield cigarette girl and was featured in all the company's advertisements.

On Aug. 10, 1948, TV classic "Candid Camera," produced and hosted by Alan Funt, debuts. The show featured unsuspecting people captured in their natural, bemused responses to comic setups. "Candid Camera" ran on network television from 1948 to 1950, again in 1953, and again from 1960 to 1967.

Marsales Resigns from County's Rail Trail Committee

"A potentially very valuable public asset is being managed … to the benefit of vested interests and to the detriment of the community."

Last week County Council received and accepted with regret the resignation of Pamela Marsales from their Rail Trail Committee. While committee memberships shift from time to time in the normal course of business, this resignation was a clear indication of frustration. Marsales, who has been on the committee for four years representing the non-motorized users of the trail, had three specific reasons for her resignation which she outlined in her formal letter to Council.

Marsales first suggested that "the evidence of four years indicates that it is not possible to effectively represent the interests of non-motorized recreational users of the rail trail within the constraints of the committee and its narrow focus."

In her letter of resignation Marsales stated that, "A potentially very valuable public asset is being managed, using public resources, to the benefit of vested interests and to the detriment of the community, with little regard for public accountability." She says that she has been unable to have this message acknowledged in any forum to date.

"This course of action has been embarked upon single-mindedly, impeding any opportunity for an honest and comprehensive review of the more progressive alternatives that have been proven successful on rail trails similar to ours."

Lastly Marsales said that as an independent concerned citizen she would be able to advocate for a review and change: "It is hoped that all Councillors will take a second look at this, since a wisely developed rail trail can return dividends to every sector of a community, bringing tourism while improving health, vitality, prosperity and quality of life."

Marsales was present at the County Council meeting when her resignation was presented. Dysart's Deputy Reeve Bill Davis, who Chairs the Committee (as one of two County Council representatives), made it a point to stand and thank Marsales on behalf of the Committee for her work over the years. Davis acknowledged that the Committee often had to deal with diverse priorities, something that was often a challenge for them.

As a matter of protocol, Warden Harrison did not allow Marsales to speak at the meeting other than to ensure that her letter had been received by Council. She asked the Council to read and consider her comments.

After the meeting Marsales said she takes issue with the term 'non-motorized'. According to Marsales this lumps together snowmobiling and ATVing, two activities which have distinctly different impacts within the community in their respective use of the rail trail. She has compiled a list of 16 of these impacts that range from displacement of other potential trail users to environmental impacts and effects on adjacent land owners.

According to Marsales snowmobiling and cycling/eco-tourism have been a winning combination on hundreds of tourism destination rail trails without causing incompatibility issues.

"Given the movement over recent years towards a more active lifestyle, I prefer the term *active recreation* for the walkers and cyclists I was trying to represent. This would encompass motorized wheelchairs and electric scooters as well. Persons with disabilities or limited mobility are one of the best served constituency groups on well developed rail trains in all types of communities. Access to a flat trail, green space and social interaction can be a cost effective means of providing healthy recreation to everyone."

Davis later commented that he felt Marsales may not have been happy with the overall vision of the Rail Trail Committee. He said, "Pamela Marsales has done an excellent job representing walking and other non-motorized activity." He added however, that Marsales often promoted banning motorized vehicles from the trail and four wheelers in particular which had caused several confrontations during his tenure as Chair of the Committee.

Davis stressed the need for the Committee to continue to represent all users of the trail fairly even when those interests aren't compatible.

According to Marsales the County has never weighed the costs and benefits of the status quo against those of a green rail trail development plan. Marsales has a plan of her own and invites anyone interested in exploring a true visioning exercise of the 34 kilometre county owned rail trail to a meeting on August 12th at 7 p.m. (A venue hasn't been announced but anyone who wishes to find out more can call Marsales at 705-457-4767.) ■

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My Life as a Reporter

Crop Circles and Close Encounters

Life at the Halcyon Packet and Times

Terrance Gavan
Staff Reporter

Halcyon is a village in rural Manitoba.

Nothing much happens in small town Manitoba, unless of course you happen to be working the editorial desk of the Halcyon Packet and Times, known locally as the "P and T".

I landed on the doorstep of the P and T on a hot July day in 1987 and spent 5 years toiling under the avuncular tutelage of Managing Editor Lorne Bjornson, a "gruff and ready" Icelander who grew up farming and ice fishing just outside of Gimli on Lake Winnipeg.

Lorne left Gimli at 17 back in the 60's and earned his stripes as a hard-hitting court reporter for the old Winnipeg Tribune before deciding to forego to the bright lights of Winnipeg for the more neutral pace of Manitoba's Interlake.

He taught me that *"fact"* in the newspaper business stood for "Fast, Accurate, Concise and True."

He hated BS, but he put up with a lot of mine.

And he used me like a lapdog, calling me on hot story lines at all hours of the day and night. Lorne was a night owl and assumed that all of his reporters were on the same dodgy schedule.

So I wasn't surprised when the phone jangled me from semi-coma at 5 a.m. on a Saturday morning in August, back in 1987.

"Listen, get out to Thor Peturson's place, right now… there's something goin' on," said Lorne. The deep rumble and Icelandic angst literally jumped from the receiver as my feet hit the floor.

"What is it Lorne… fire?" I asked, reaching for my camera bag.

"Nope," said Lorne perfunctorily. "Aliens."

"Lorne… aliens?" I queried.

"Crop circles… get out to his place pronto, because I want pictures before the Free Press and the Sun get wind of this," said Lorne. "And give me a call when you get 'em."

And then he hung up.

I had time to ruminate while driving out to Thor's place, about 5 miles out of town.

Thor was a levelheaded, no-nonsense seed farmer who was very involved in local politics and had just retired from a 10-year stint as Reeve of the Rural Municipality of Reykjavik.

I arrived at his place with my dog Spunky trailing behind me. Spunky loved trips out to Thor's because his dog Maggie was a bright-eyed Golden lab who possessed a Zen mindset that seemed to mesh vividly with Spunky's precocious take on life.

Thor ushered me quickly to the barn and we hurried up the stairs to the loft. As we moved to the large loft doors I saw it: Three huge circles in the ripening wheat, joined by two distinct lines. They were, in a word, perfect. Round and straight, like they were cut from a master's lathe.

Thor was chewing on a twig of straw. "So what do you make of that Terrance?"

"Well Thor," I said, mustering a grin. "I'd say the Sigurdson boys might be capable of this, but I know for a fact that they were still partying at Teddy Sigmundson's place till 2 this morning. And they were too drunk to make anything this good."

"It wasn't a prank, I saw the lights and I heard a whirr… and Maggie has been strange since it happened."

Maggie was not her regular self. Her ears were on full alert and she was staring intently at the vista laid out on Thor's home quarter.

Thor and I stood there in the loft for what seemed like 15 minutes, not talking, just taking it all in.

Icelanders are taciturn by nature, but I had never seen Thor this quiet. I opened the camera bag just as the sun was making its full turn over Gustavson's silver granaries. I started snapping shots and didn't stop until I had shot 3 rolls of black and white and another 24 color shots. I retired my camera and then pulled out my spiral notebook.

Thor still hadn't said a word. Maggie was lying down at Thor's feet, ears still fully alert. Spunky sat beside Maggie and shared a peculiar knowing glance. We were all, men and dogs, glued to the wheat-canvas stretched out before us.

"Look, Terry, I know you need something from me… but I'm not goin' on record."

He nodded perfunctorily and I knew, from my years of covering Reykajvik council that I wasn't going to get anything about the "lights or the whirr" from Thor Peturson on this day. Thor stood 6'4 and weighed about 250 and he carried the edgy persona of displaced Viking on that massive frame. I knew Thor to be gentle, kind and compassionate. But I also knew that he couldn't be budged on principle.

"I'll tell you what young Mr. Gavan, let's just say the lights might have been a pickup and the whirr could have been a weed whacker and we'll call it done."

We retired to his kitchen, had some coffee and I phoned Lorne.

We ended up running a huge color photo front page in the next Packet and Times.

The story ran on page two under the headline: ***Crop Circles – Prank or Close Encounter?*** There was a minor stir when *Ufologist Stanton Friedman* paid a visit and there was some talk of some Men in Black from the US snooping around, but that fell to the raw edges of hearsay and small-town paranoia.

Two days later, Thor and Maggie showed up on my doorstep.

I had phoned Thor the night before, because Spunky had been acting a little strange.

He said we'd talk a bit, but not on the phone.

And here he was, with Maggie in tow.

"Now, what do you mean, by strange young Terrance? How has Spunky been acting strange?" whispered Thor, as he followed me to the kitchen.

"Well," I said, "like he's been watching television… a lot… and not just when animals are on. He's particularly fond of the late news on CBC. He's never sat in front of the TV and just watched before."

"Hmmm," said Thor, "and what does he say?"

"Umm.. excuse me Thor… but what does my dog say?" I asked, seeking clarification.

"Yes," said Thor. "What does he say?"

"Well Thor, let me see… does Maggie talk to you?"

"She does indeed," said Thor. "Usually she'll watch the news just like Spunky, then she'll make a comment… about politics or economics… and no I'm not crazy. She started talking just after the circles appeared."

And right then I heard it: A deep-throated guffaw, emanating from Spunky who was sitting with a bemused look on his face. And I swear both Spunky and Maggie were laughing.

"Well, we have to be getting back. We've got to know your pets. Please remember they are without a doubt the best friends both of you will ever share," said Spunky. The voice was melodic, pleasant and soothing. "When we've gone, your pets will be back to normal … as if nothing had happened. They may live a little longer … just one of those lingering after effects of our visit."

"Oh and Thor, remember what I told you," said Maggie, whose tail was wagging so profusely that she knocked over a vase on the coffee table.

And then we heard a huge whirring and a grand light enveloped my backyard.

In a blink the lights and the whirr were gone.

The dogs went to the window and stared until the strange lights disappeared high in the ether.

And then, Spunky found his old blanket and soon enough they were both playing tug and running roughshod over the furniture as if nothing had happened.

Thor looked at me and said: "I guess I don't have to tell you that ***this one***… we keep to ourselves."

Neither Spunky nor Maggie ever again expressed an interest in the nightly news and neither ever uttered another word. Spunky lived to be 28 ... he also learned to climb trees, but that's another story."

"So what did Maggie want you to remember Thor," I ventured.

"She told me to… ***buy Google***… whatever the hell that means," said Thor, chuckling a bit.

About five years ago I managed to track down my old friend Thor… I googled him.

He spends most of his time now on his 500-acre estate in Hawaii.

He runs a rescue mission for pets without homes and harbours injured animals until they can find a safe haven or home. Maggie is still around, she's 29 now.

Thor has liquid assets of 500 million dollars and spends a lot of his time walking on the beach with Maggie and a selection of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He attends Google shareholder meetings once every year. He has Bill Gates on speed dial.

Oh, and he keeps 25 acres of wheat on a patch of land right next to the house.

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County to Seek $3 Million in Broadband Funding

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

Last Thursday, the County Council agreed to proceed with an application under the Rural Connections Broadband Program for a total of $3 million to expand broadband service and close the gaps in existing service throughout the County. This is the maximum amount allowable under the program. The Province will contribute up to one-third of eligible project costs to a maximum of $1 million dollars and the balance of project costs will be born by Bell Aliant as the Internet Service Provider (ISP).

According to Jim Wilson, Chief Administrative Officer for the County, the application will be submitted in response to a recent commitment of $30 million dollars by the Province to be spent over the next four years to continue addressing broadband connectivity gaps in rural southern Ontario.

Wilson told Council, "The next deadline for submissions is September 18th, 2008, although more submissions will be accepted in February of 2009." Wilson said that municipalities are being encouraged to apply by September. Even though there will be two more deadlines announced, Wilson reported that there is no specific block of money for each submission date: "Whatever is left over from the $30 million dollar allocation will go to the next round of submissions until all the funds are expended."

The funding announcement by the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs follows a similar program in 2007 when the Province invested $8.5 million dollars to assist with broadband connectivity. Under that program the County, working with Bell Aliant, was one of 18 groups to receive funding.

Wilson reported that at that time Bell Aliant was able to leverage $37,500 of provincial funding with their own resources to spend over $113,900 to extend broadband coverage to over 1,000 Bell customers. According to Wilson, Bell Aliant also invested close to $3 million dollars to deploy high-speed connectivity to nearly 4,000 more homes in the area.

Wilson said, "The County has two options. We can proceed with another request for proposals (RFP) process to determine if there are other ISP's that will meet the criteria or we can proceed with Bell Aliant." Wilson said that it may be redundant to proceed with another RFP process given what is out there and the time required getting a response. He said, "Bell is interested and we can build on what they have been doing."

Wilson said, "We should apply for the maximum allowable. The province, the ISP and the County will each kick in 33%." Wilson added that he thought Bell would be willing to put forward more than their one third share.

According to Wilson, the Ministry has four eligibility criteria. Applicants must have the ability to develop and implement a broadband infrastructure project within the designated timeline. They must have the ability to partner with applicable stakeholders and commit the required funds and resources to the project. There must be broadband and connectivity gaps in existence within the area and the submission must clearly identify how the project will enable and promote e-learning, e-government and e-health in the County.

Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey said that organizing an RFP would be difficult, given the mid-September deadline. In response, Wilson said that many municipalities will not be able to meet the necessary criteria in time for the first round of applications and would likely apply in February. He said, "If the County applies in September we will have a good change of success."

Wilson also commented that there was word in the wind of more funding through the federal government in the future. [Please see accompanying article on page ....in this issue on $6.2 Million dollar Building Canada infrastructure announcement]. Wilson said additional federal funding would complement funding received under the Rural Connections Program.

> "A wired solution might not be economically feasible in all areas of the County."

According to Wilson the County would have a two-year window to implement the project if their funding application is successful, easing any concerns that weather could be an issue in achieving installations within the required deadlines.

Wilson also recommended that the County continue to investigate other funding programs to assist wireless users with capital costs of wireless service to their business or residence. Wilson reported that due to the County's geographic nature, a wired solution might not be economically feasible in all areas of the County and wireless installations may be another method that would help everyone access high-speed connectivity.

Both Warden Eleanor Harrison and Algonquin Highlands Deputy Reeve Tom Gardner voiced concerns about Bell Aliant. Gardner said he would like some assurances about customer service. Highlands East Deputy Reeve Jim Mackie reported years of good service from Bell. Wilson responded that Bell has been rectifying a number of problems. He said, "Bell recognizes that they have had problems and they're moving forward to resolve them."

Finally, the Council passed a resolution agreeing to proceed with the application with Bell Aliant as the ISP and funding partner.■

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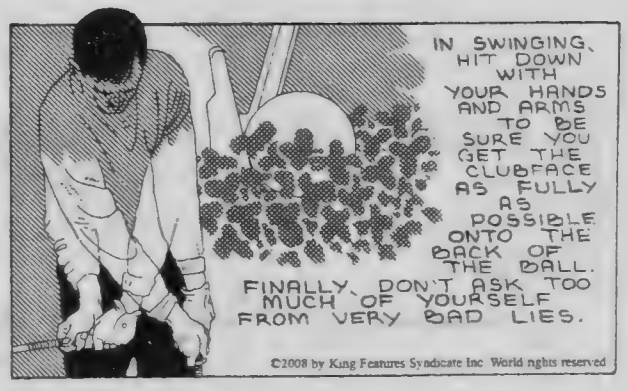

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Over 100 Descendants and Family of the McIntosh Clan Unite

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

The McIntosh Picnic is held every year by the direct descendants of Arza D. McIntosh, fondly known as "A.D." A graduate of the University of Guelph, A.D. was the first Agriculture Representative for Hastings County. Arza and his wife had nine children, (Lera, Sheldon, George, Elva, Norman, Joseph, Nina, Lois and Ruth), many of whom came together in 1958 and decided to start this yearly tradition.

According to the McIntosh family, Arza is a confirmed descendant of the McIntosh apple family, from Dundela, close to Ottawa. Therefore, the McIntosh Picnic has a distinct "apple" theme. Direct descendants even received red "McPic" hats for showing up.

"It's nice to be able to get the family together once a year for something other than a wedding or a funeral," said Deb Lawson, a member of the McIntosh family. "When I tell my friends about what it is we do, they are in awe," said Lawson.

This year's picnic was held on Saturday, July 19, at Whippoorwill Acres on Brady Lake and was attended by over 100 people, from six generations of the family. This was the 21st year that the picnic has been held at this location which is on the neighbouring properties of John and Mary Strange, Doug and Muriel McIntosh and the family of John and Ruth McIntosh – all of whom are direct descendants of Arza.

The first ever picnic was held at Cobourg Lakeshore Park and was the chosen location by Lois McIntosh. Since that time, the picnic has been held yearly, but has migrated through several locations including George McIntosh's residence in Orillia, the Heasman family residence in Stirling and the River Valley School House in Stirling.

Some of the activities at this year's picnic included several fun games for the kids while the grown-ups enjoyed sharing some memorable stories and did some family trivia.

"I think that this is fantastic," said Doug McIntosh. "It's great to be able to communicate and visit with everyone."

"It's like living your family tree," added Lawson.

At this year's event, family from all over Canada (B.C., Alberta, Saskatchewan and Ontario) came out to the reunion. The farthest travellers included fifth generation relatives from Galveston, Texas.

In addition to all the fun, outdoor festivities held at the picnic, the active "apple" theme is also celebrated each and every year. Every picnic participant receives an "apple" related gift to honour the family tradition and annual venue. Various people contribute hand made crafts which are raffled off. Some also lend their musical talents by playing keyboard, harmonica and through song.■

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This immaculately maintained three bedroom cottage comes fully furnished for immediate enjoyment! Open concept with vaulted pine ceiling in the living area, propane fireplace, large master bedroom with walk-in closet and ensuite bath. Seperate dining room, 2 1/2 car detached garage, workshop, drilled well, great docking. Picturesque big lake view on a very private and beautifully treed lot with 180 feet of lakefront. Shop and compare!

Green Lake - $329,000

Miles of boating and fishing pleasure await on this scenic three lake chain. Boat into Pine and Maple Lake from this location. Modern raised waterfront bungalow featuring: three bedrooms, two fireplaces, full walk-out basement, two baths, two car attached garage, open concept design. Level lot with shallow sand beach frontage and beautiful western sunset view. Immediate possession.

Horseshoe Lake Reynolds Road $215,000

Great getaway property.Two lake chain. Level, nicely treed lot with a fantastic sand beach and southerly big lake view. Old cottage and small cabin in need of TLC. Ideal lot featuring 2 acres to build your dream home or cottage.

Gull River - $198,500

This year round waterfront property is available for immediate possession. Ideal as a starter or retirement home or as your cottage! Western sunset view, level landscaped lot, short boat ride to picuresque Gull Lake. Features a large living room with propane fireplace, laminate flooring, modern and newly renovated bath. Town water and sewers Quiet location in an area of fine homes. Walking distance to town.

Mountain Lake $458,000

This modern, three bedroom waterfront cottage or year round home features: vaulted pine ceiling in the living room, large wrap around deck, bunkie, full walk-out basement with finished family room and guest quarters. Scenic big lake view with 148 feet of terrific shoreline and great docking. Miles of boating pleasure await on this picturesque two lake chain. Immediate possession. Asking $458,000. Check out the virtual tour at www.BillKulas.com

Little Boshkung Lake New Price - $389,500

Beautiful sunny big lake view, facing due south. Featuring three bedrooms, sunroom with propane fireplace, hardwood floors, full finished walk-out basement. Beautiful, beautiful sand beach with 193 feet of lakefront. Two car attached garage. Superb docking. Great swimming and water skiing at your front door. Fabulous three lake chain for the boating enthusiast. New price-Now $389,500. Vendor says sell!

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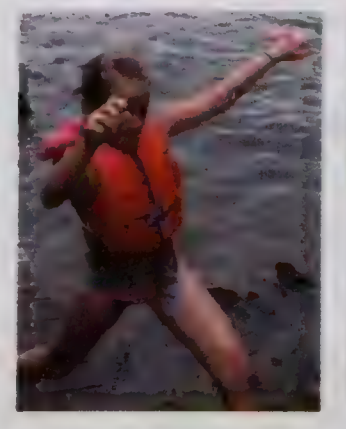
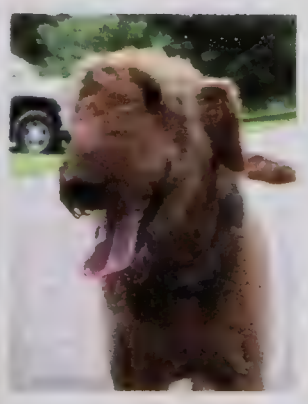
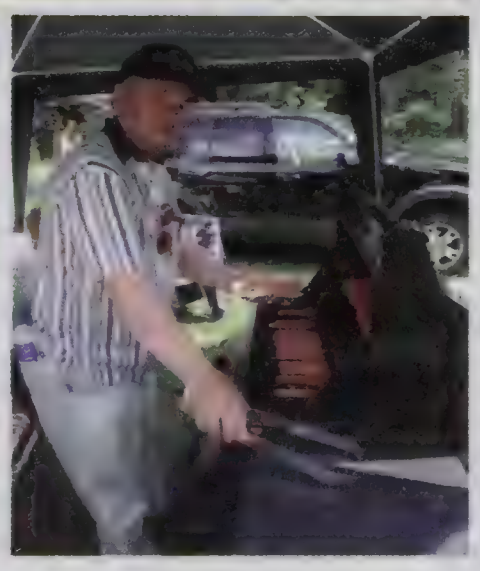
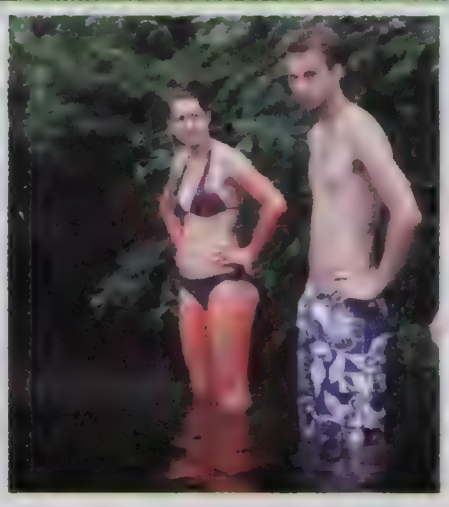
LKO Regatta a Fun Filled Day

On Saturday the Lake Kashagawigamog Organization hosted their annual regatta at the Ruttig family property on South Kashagawigamog Lake Road. More than 175 people came out to enjoy the day, which included face painting, tug-o-wars, volleyball games, swimming races, nature scavenger hunts, and canoe challenges. We're lucky the rain held out," said LKO President Stan Peck. "It was raining this morning, but thankfully, it cleared up. The turn out has been great, with lots of families coming out to enjoy the day. This regatta is really important to the LKO, because we believe that a lake association should have a recreational event."









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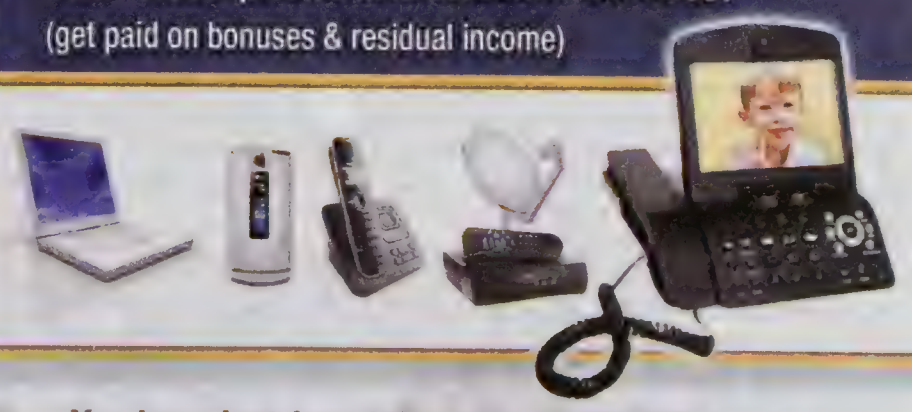

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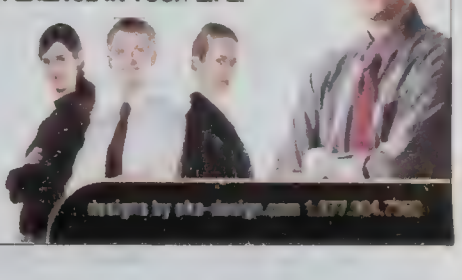

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Outstanding Point Lot $299,900

Enjoy stunning views from this gorgeous level point lot with rippled sand bottom & south-west exposure. There are only a few properties past this one on a dead end road so the privacy is great. The cottage has 4 bedrooms, full bath, shower/laundry room & has year round potential. The adjacent, vacant waterfront lot (460110200064300) is also for sale. Buy both & own 292' of waterfront which would be 536' including the open shore road allowances. All offers must be contingent on the cottage property selling first.

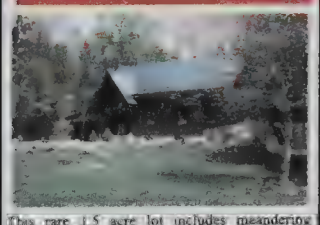
Great Privacy $184,900

Enjoy PRIVACY Plus on this 2 acre parcel not far from Kashagawigamog Lake. Lots of room to roam and putter in the gardens or relax in your own open breeze screened sunroom. This spacious bungalow has a finished recreation room and a bunkie to boot. Gorgeous ceramic floors & wood cover most of the main level. A large 20' x 30' workshop awaits your imagination. Call for your appointment today!

Spacious Mountain Lk. Property $399,900

Unique opportunity to buy a private, yr-rnd waterfront estate with over 3 acres on prestigious Mountain Lake. 125 ft. of water frontage on a quiet bay with a Bunkie near the water's edge. Brick built home with over 4,000 sq. ft. of lvg sp., 4 bdrs, 3 1/2 baths, 2 beamed lvg rooms, 2 offices/studios(1 has a washroom, storage & separate entrance). Dining room, kitchen, breakfast room, exercise/plant room, wine making room, main floor laundry & loads of storage. Oil heating w/an air-tight wood stove for extra winter comfort. A/C cools in summer.

Great Privacy $349,900



This rare 1.5 acre lot includes meandering walkways, limestone accents, towering trees, pond/waterfall, gorgeous low maintenance perennial gardens, a gazebo AND a guest house. The property has over 400 feet of frontage on Beaver Creek which runs into Gull River and then into Gull Lake. A very well maintained 2200 sq ft log home with a newer roof, includes 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths & walk-out basement with a great workshop. No more septic, wells or long laneways to plow - move into town. Lots of inclusions...don't hesitate.

Call Today To See These Listings

Patti & Hal Johnson

475' on Horseshoe Lake $649,900

475 feet of waterfront with 4 acres of property ensures great privacy for this 4 season property This level lot provides easy year round access. A sand beach is just waiting for the kids. The master bedroom overlooks the lake from a private balcony. This home is equipped with a heat pump, central air & vac, intercom, drilled well and stone fireplace. This one has it all!!

2000' on Blue Hawk Lk. $649,900

Have you ever wanted your own private retreat? Picture this...2000' of SW lake frontage bounded by rivers on both sides with 135 acres of mixed forest. All this and a sand beach. To get you started there is a huge garage with full loft above, covered picnic area and ample storage buildings. Check this property out for severance and development potential.

Glamor Lk. Cedar Panabode $349,000

Enjoy the big lake view from this 4 bedroom, cedar Panabode cottage on Glamor Lake. Easy year round access. Level lot with plenty of room for the kids to play while you relax on the deck. Child friendly entry with a sand bottom. Large open concept with a floor to ceiling stone fireplace with an air tight wood burning insert.

Modern Country Living $239,900

Enjoy country living on the outskirts of Minden yet still close to school, shopping & hospital. This immaculate R2000 bungalow set on a large lot(1.49 acres) was built in 2001 & has so much to offer. Features include air conditioning, central vac., air exchanger & spacious fully insulated 2-car garage with wood heat. Boat launch to Gull River and Gull Lake close by. Come on up and enjoy the Highlands!!

Commercial Opportunity with Residence - $299,900

Many uses currently allowed including (but not limited to) professional office, financial institution, and restaurant or retail store. Currently a variety store. The upscale living quarters includes 3 bedrooms, master with ensuite bathroom, nice bright kitchen with beautiful granite counter tops & a Blanco sink. Lots of room for entertaining in the nice big living room with vaulted beamed ceiling and gorgeous windows. It even has a cedar lined hideaway with a hot tub. A bachelor apartment or in-law suite tops off the package. Call today for more information

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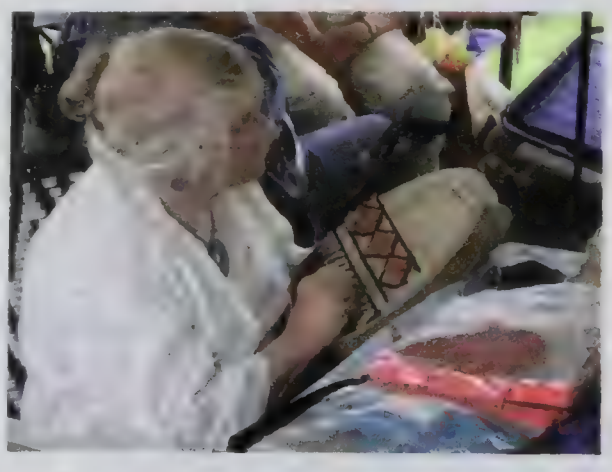
Rugs All Around

3rd Annual "Hook-In" Has Participants 'Hooked'

Nearly 50 members of the Haliburton Highlands Rug Hookers gathered beneath one tent at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre for the third annual "Hook-In Under the Tent" held last Saturday. Some members of the Ontario Hooking Craft Guild travelled from as far away as Gravenhurst, Grimsby, Port Perry and Lindsay to be a part of the event.

Key components of this year's event included boutiques, a silent auction, door prizes and guest speaker Susan Murray. Murray, who is an art collector, spoke about several vintage hooked rug pieces from her collection.

Also on display was a prize-winning rug made by local resident Ruth Emerson, whose rug received a first place award at the Ontario Hooking Craft Guild annual meeting.



Hooked rugs are made using a variety of techniques including: knitting, crocheting, and braiding strips of material and sewing the plaits together in blocks or in a spiral and embroidering on a coarse-woven foundation.■

Coming to a Theatre in Harcourt...

Enjoy Films Not Yet Out on DVD at the MartinWood Resort

A movie theatre has made its way to Harcourt.

Yes, that's right. MartinWood Resort, located on Elephant Lake Rd. recently received a 100-inch screen with a specialized projector and full surround-sound speaker system.

"We are very pleased to be able to be able to offer this service to both our hotel guests, residents and cottagers in the area. The films that we are showing will be the latest releases not yet out on DVD or video. We will be having showings on Friday and Saturday evenings and a Saturday afternoon matinee," said Nicholas Ashdown, General Manager of the resort, in a recent press release.

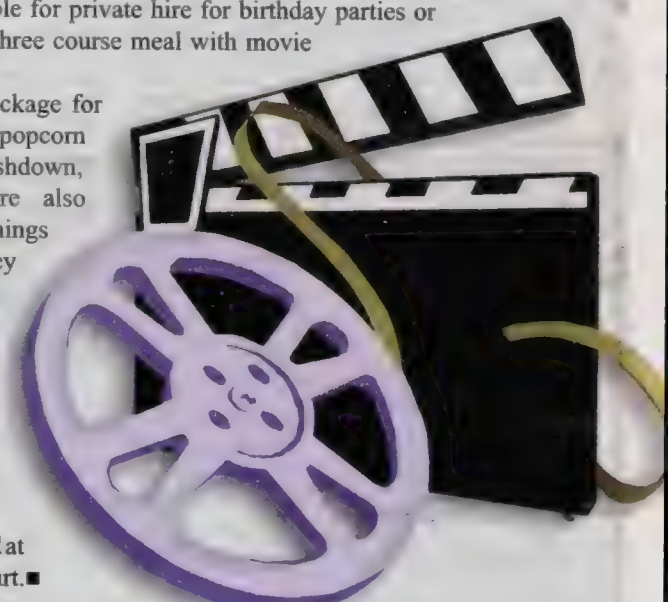
Prices will be $7 for adults and $5 for children, with a family ticket (two adults and two children) at $20. Popcorn will be available and the theatre is also licensed so you'll be able to enjoy a beer or glass of wine while catching a film.

The theatre will also be available for private hire for birthday parties or special occasions. For $29.99, a three course meal with movie tickets can also be obtained.

"We're also doing a movie package for $10 which will get you the movie, popcorn and a can of pop," said Stella Ashdown, other General Manager. "We're also going to introduce special screenings for seniors. With their ticket they will get a cup of coffee and some snacks to eat while they're enjoying their film."

Seating will be restricted to 40, so to find out about upcoming films and to book your seat contact the resort at 705 448-1920.

The MartinWood Resort is situated at 4727 Elephant Lake Rd. in Harcourt.■



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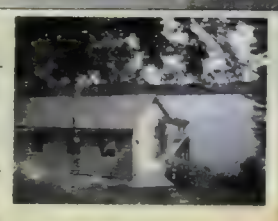
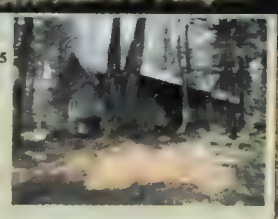
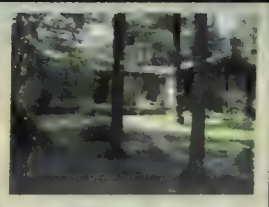


You will love the privacy of this 141 ft lot on Little Kennisis. Cottage sits close to the water & you get sun all day on this well treed point lot. Lg docking system, wonderful open view, sand beach area & rock shore with lots of deep water. Sitting close to the water is a 4 season cottage/3 bdrms, play rm, open concept LR/DR/kitchen, lg entertaining deck. Storage shed for the summer & winter toys. Fully furnished, ready to move in.
$459,000.00

Cottage /Home with your own sandy beach on Maple Lake -3525 sq ft of living space on 2 floors. 3 lg bdrms, den, 2 family rms, LR, 2 baths, & Jacuzzi, shower ensuite, solid oak kitchen, DR with greenhouse window effect & skylights, laundry rm, cold cellar, lg storage area, access to lower level from garage also. Possible apartment in lower level. New propane furnace, propane firepiace & stove, central vac, 200 amp, artisan well, decks front and back, attached dbl garage, and Dad's work shed fully insulated. Privacy is good on this level nicely treed lot and nice hedge at roads edge.
$369,000.00



Check out this beautiful 2600 sq. ft. Eco-Log cottage with 5 bedrooms plus 2 -4pc baths situated on one of the most gorgeous lots on Kennisis Lake. With 205 ft frtg. 1.92 acres, you have southeast exposure to enjoy the sun all day. This lot is level with a slight slope towards the lake. Maple floors throughout, open concept kitchen/living room, cathedral ceiling with open beams, Canac kitchen and propane furnace with air exchanger.
$799,000.00



Check out this property!! Total privacy with 14 acres and over 400 ft. of frontage on Redstone River. There is a meadow down near the river where you can watch the deer play. This Cedar R2000 log home has 3 plus bedrooms, 2 baths, den, cozy living room, deck off the kitchen, walkout basement and much more to list.- This is what country living is all about. Could be a hobby farm, B & B, possible severance
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Kennisis Lake - $429,000

3 bdrm furnished cottage - south east exp., sand and deep water. Lg cedar docking system. Mature trees. Newer deck. Cottage has pine cabinets, combination of pine, drywall and wainscoting for the walls. Wood floors. Single car garage heated.

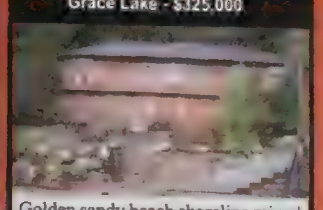
Gloria Carnochan or Cindy Muenzel * 754-1932

Kennisis Lake - $349,000

4 season Viceroy cottage on a sheltered bay - south exp . Terraced lot. Newer septic & block foundation to give storage area. Natural stone fireplace. 2 bdrms, 4 pc bath and upgraded oak kitchen. Large deck. Marine rail . Sand beach.

Gloria Carnochan or Cindy Muenzel *

Grace Lake - $325,000



Golden sandy beach shoreline mixed with large rock. 3-bedroom cottage includes new windows & kitchen. Tastefully decorated - fully furnished . Terraced landscaping and steps - requires low maintenance. Large picture windows & lakeside deck for big lake views 2 lake chain.

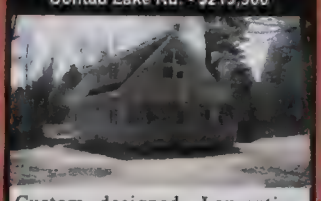
Chris & Michelle Smolarz * 457-2414

Esson Lake - $279,900

Three bedroom cottage on a terraced lot plus a two level bunkie. Open concept with hardwood flooring. Screened room to enjoy the warm summer nights. Spectacular lake view from the dock. This cottage is well maintained and shows pride of ownership. Close to snowmobile and ATV trails and crown land.

Debbie Cumber* 457-2414

Contau Lake Rd. - $219,900



Custom designed, Laurentian Viceroy built in 2007. Finish the interior floor plans exactly to your liking! Cathedral ceiling and loads of windows! Exterior has cedar decking and balcony. Nestled on very private lot with 1 1/2 acres close to public access on Contau Lake. Brookling stream flows through the property.

Debbie Cumber* 457-2414

Minden - $49,000

Well treed level lot on year round Municipal Road. House is being sold 'AS IS' condition. Drilled well on property

Al Mayo * 286-1234

Minden Lake - $329,000

Prime location on Minden Lake this waterfront home provides excellent year round enjoyment with a short drive to town. Lot is nicely treed with gentle slope to water. Large deck overlooking lake, large two car garage with work area. Lakefront living at it's best. Just move in and enjoy!

Al Mayo * 286-1234

Halls Lake - $498,000

Beautiful 3+1 BR waterfront home/cottage on Halls Lake. Open concept living makes it great for entertaining. Huge master bedroom, main floor laundry, walk-out basement. Also has 2 BR bunkie for guests. One of the Vendors is a Registered Real Estate Salesperson

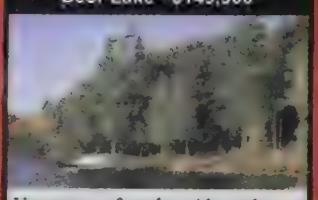
Vince Jarvis * 286-1234

Trappers Trail - $128,000

This cottage has been reduced $12,000 and $3,000 more invested for a quick sale! 3 bedroom cottage with pine cathedral ceilings. Sandy shoreline swimming and a shared dock very close by on Lot 19. Deep& clean 2 Lake chain on Miskwabi and Long lake. 15 min. from Haliburton

Chris & Michelle Smolarz * 457-2414

Deer Lake - $149,900



Vacant waterfront lot with south west exposure - combination of sand and rock shoreline - beautiful setting - adjacent waterfront cottage is also for sale - buy both for great privacy and a super view - all offers must be contingent on the cottage property selling first.

Patti & Hal Johnson ** 236-1234 ex 238

Gull Lake - $389,900

Great view of Lake from the master bedroom balcony of this recently upgraded cottage. Includes Pine ceilings, metal roof & skylight, new dock, new wiring & panel, Laminate flooring, pressure tank & pump, etc. New cedar deck, stone steps down to the lake. A rock ledge at the shore.

Patti & Hal Johnson ** 236-1234 ex 238

Waterfront Viceroy - $339,000

Comfortable waterfront 4 season cottage (Viceroy) on a nice lake near Minden, 3 bedrooms, level lot, western exposure spacious deck, lots of rock outcroppings and gardens.

And only $339,000.

David Lee * 286-1234
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Minden Home - $275,000

Minden home, 3 + bedrooms, full basement with double garage & workshop. nice lot, private setting. Asking $275,000.00

David Lee * 286-1234
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Highland Gates Estates - $319,000

Lovely three bedroom bungalow in prestigious area of Minden. Large level lot with town water and sewer on year round municipal road. Home features master bedroom with ensuite. Beautiful sunroom leads out to large deck and back yard. Full finished basement with rec room, 2 bedrooms and bathroom.

Vince Jarvis * 286-1234

Burnt River - $269,900

9.5 acres with a 3 bedroom home - very private - 1288 sq ft of living space - new furnace oil/wood - full basement - wood fireplace.

Grace Lougheed * 286-4106

Old Cameron Rd. - $30,000

Build your dream home on this 1.41 acre lot located on private road off Sandy Bay Rd Nicely treed and within walking distance to Gull Lake for swimming and boating.

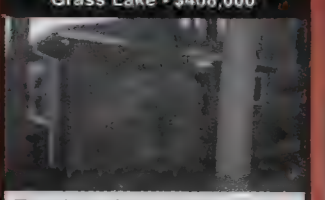
Susan Johnson * 286-1234

Irondale River - $25,000

Nice building lot located on the Irondale River. Year round municipal access, subject to a Right Of Way. Nicely treed, good building lot, close to town.

Susan Johnson * 286-1234

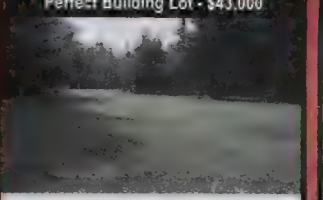
Grass Lake - $408,000



Charming and cozy 1,000 (approx) sq ft 3 bedroom fully winterized cottage/home plus bunkie. Natural stone stairways and a floor to ceiling stone fireplace. Large 3 season sunroom, very private hard sand beach. Within walking distance of Haliburton and the hospital. Turnkey (Include boat & motor)

Lindsay Elder ** 286-1234

Perfect Building Lot - $43,000



One fabulous building lot - private, cleared with the septic already installed! This gorgeous lot comes with a shed and is just a short stroll from the public beach on Halls Lake and a stone's throw away from the Kennisis River and fabulous tubing into Halls Lake!

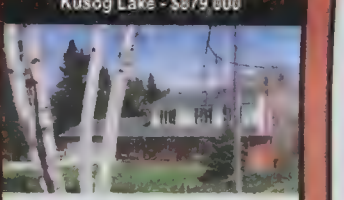
Lindsay Elder ** 286-1234

Gull Lake - $499,000

Lovely home/cottage on popular Gull lake, only 2 hours from Toronto. Four bedrooms, beautiful stone fireplace, sun room, new roof, 4 year old septic. Full basement, single detached garage. Gentle sloping lot to lake, beautiful view and gardens. Home shows to perfection.

Ed Gibbons * 286-1234

Kusog Lake - $879,000



Home features large eat-in kitchen, separate living room, dining room with French doors, plus den, laundry on main floor off kitchen with door to back deck plus 2 pce powder room. Large master bdr, 4 pce bath. Attached heated double garage.

Ed Gibbons * 286-1234

Peach Lake - $459,900

Exceptional 3 bedroom and den cottage/home with 307 feet frontage on a pristine lake. Bunkie & metal storage shed. Propane and wood fireplaces with main floor laundry. Natural lot with no grass to cut. Owner is a registered Real Estate Sales Person.

Barry Warren * 286-1234

Twelve Mile Lake - $419,900

Year round winterized cottage on Twelve Mile Lake. Gentle sloping lot with fantastic view. Features large family room with airtight, heated water line, air conditioning, Empire central vac, laundry room, mudroom & storage sheds. Trust Schedule in LBO must accompany all Offers.

Barry Warren * 286-1234

Adult Community - $69,900

Two bedroom home with attached garage. 980 sq ft of living space with new front entrance door, new patio sliding doors, new flooring, 4 new appliances, separate dining room, 200 amp service. Home in adult community, close to town of Minden. A must see!

Grace Lougheed * 286-4106

Burnt River -$179,900

Brick bungalow. Move in condition. One of the 3 bedrooms is partially completed, could very easily be a large master bedroom. Only 3km away from 4-Mile Lake with public access and boat launch. 3-season sunroom on large deck with great view of level backyard.

Peter Franzen* 286-1234

Adult Community - $89,900

Nicely updated 2 bedroom home in well-kept adult community. Laminate floors in living room, totally renovated kitchen and separate dining area. Master bedroom has ensuite. Monthly lease includes garbage pick up and snow plowing.

Tom Gardner * 286-1234

Long Lake - $349,000

Open concept three bdrm cottage. Fabulous lake views from deck with gradual slope to water. Well treed for great privacy and terrific shoreline. Living room and dining room have access to large deck through sliding door. Newer kitchen cupboards and laminate floors.

Tom Gardner * 286-1234

Viceroy Style Home - $269,900

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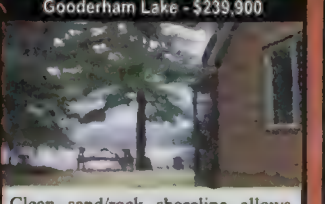

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Haliburton Rotary Golf Tourney Successful Despite Rainfall

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

The 11th annual Rotary Charity Golf Classic, known as the premier golfing event in the Highlands, brought out some big names from the hockey world and the community to help raise funds for health care and hospital facilities in Haliburton and Minden. This year's event raised almost $45,000.

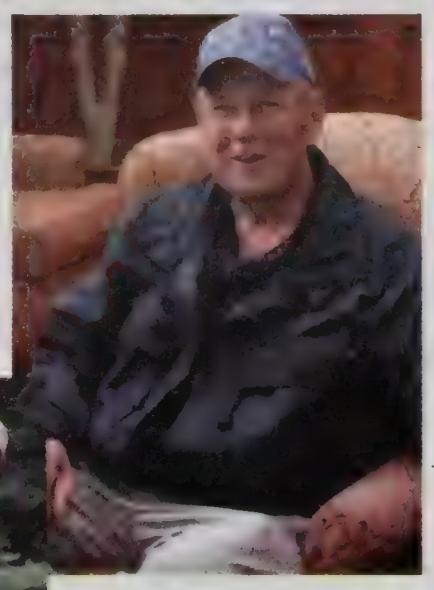
Held on Thursday, July 24 at the Delta Pinestone Resort, a total of 180 golfers were at this year's event. Unfortunately, due to the rainy and thundering weather conditions, golf games were cut short at 5:00 p.m. The weather, however, didn't dampen the moods of most as they moved inside to get an early start on dinner.

An auction was also held inside the Highlands Grand Ballroom where several big ticket items were up for grabs. An autographed Matt Duchene Team Canada jersey went for $850, and was the evening's top item.

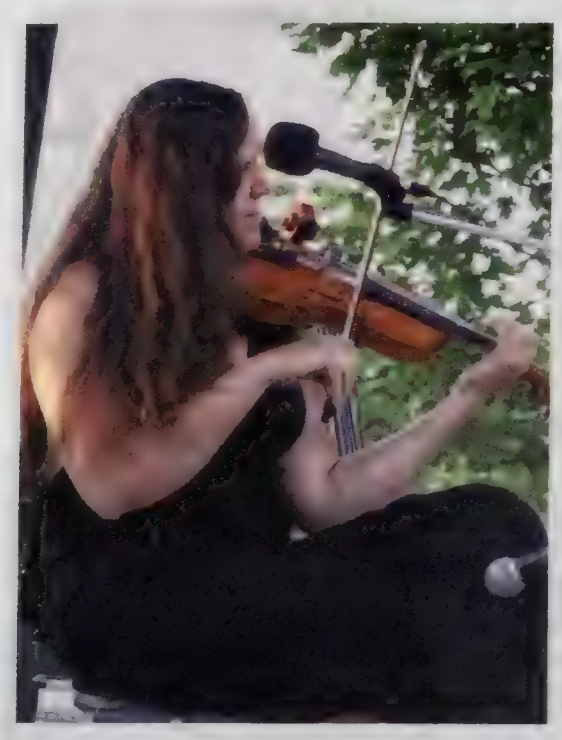
NHL Vice-President, Lake Kashagawigamog cottager and host of the event, Jim Gregory, gave a speech highlighting his hockey career, and at the same time praising Haliburton County for its beauty and ability to raise great athletes.

"Haliburton is heaven," said Gregory. "Congrats to all the good players from here and all of you (organizers) who have this done this great work," he added.

Over the past 11 years, the Rotary Charity Golf Classic has been responsible for raising $350,000 in funds that have directly benefitted local health services.■



Nearly $45,000 Raised for Community Health Services



Free Concerts in the Park Local Groups Entertain in Haliburton

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

Local performers Cass Marie and the Blackfeather Band entertained a small crowd at Head Lake Park in Haliburton on Tuesday, July 22 during the Free Real Nice Folk Concert Series.

Running from July 8 – August 26, free performances are held on Tuesday nights at 7:30 p.m. Many of the artists featured are also on the 'Nice Folk' compilation CD released recently.

For more information on upcoming shows, call Eric Lilius at 705 754-9873 or email info@haliburtonfolk.com.■

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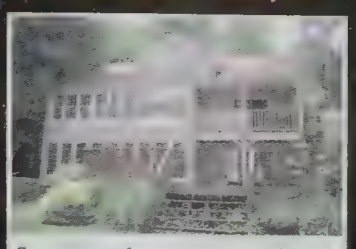

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Making Elementary Recommendations in Cardiff

The Highlands East Council recently received some very practical recommendations about accessibility from the Grade Eight students of the Cardiff Elementary School. The students, working in collaboration with the Cardiff Community Association and the Health Unit received a grant through Communities in Action encouraging accessibility for all citizens in the community. Their work culminated in a report, made by their teacher Mike Gervais, to the Highlands East Council.

Gervais told Council that for him the most important part of the project was to see the kids involved in and having a voice about their community, something he thought increased the students' respect for the community issues. Gervais said, "For the kids to identify issues like vandalism and littering helps the community as a whole." According to Gervais, this sort of respect for the community kicked off during the recent flag contest which provided the students with an opportunity to contribute to something that would become a long-standing symbol for the community.

The students spent a day looking at safety and accessibility issues with a particular eye on non-motorized transportation. The project was intended to promote safety, activity and fitness as well as give the students a voice in community affairs.

"For the kids to identify issues like vandalism and littering helps the community as a whole."
(Mike Gervais, Cardiff Elementary School Teacher)

According to Gervais the students identified both positive and negative aspects of transportation in Cardiff. On the positive side, the fact that the community is small with limited traffic makes their roads safer for residents and limits air pollution. The students observed that the pool and park both encourage people to be active. They also noted that many children and parents could walk to the local school. As to safety, everyone in the community knows one another, which makes residents feel safer knowing that help is readily available. The students also noted the geographic size of the community and that most amenities are available within a 15 or 20 minute walk.

The students also observed that not everything in the community was as it should be. The students reported that a number of street lights were inadequate, many of the lights were not bright enough and some were even burnt out, particularly on the walking paths. This was identified as a safety concern.

The students also found that the walking paths need winter maintenance and poles or blockades installed that would allow bicycle access but prevent ATV's from creating ruts and damaging them. According to Gervais, the students also tried to get a freind down the paths in a wheelchair, which proved an almost impossible task. The students recommended that money be budgeted to put asphalt on the walking paths, making them accessible for wheelchairs, bicycles or strollers.

Heather Kauffeldt, a Cardiff parent involved in the program, said, "It was so amazing and nice to hear that the students were concerned for the safety of seniors and their ability to use some of the pathways."

The students' report also noted that there were potholes in the streets, loose concrete, and unsecured grates. Many community signs needed repair and old signs need to be removed. They also reported litter in a number of municipal areas, as well as broken glass and garbage and made note that damage from vandalism was not repaired quickly enough.

The students also reported that home owners are managing their own ditches and culverts. Several culverts were reported to have sharp metal edges, which was another safety concern.

In their conclusions the students agreed that there are many positive features in Cardiff that promote non motorized transportation. The students suggested that the issues raised should be addressed by Council, adding that, "Repairs may cost small amounts but would make a huge difference." They also recommended some action to ensure that speed limits were enforced.

Sue Shikaze, representing Communities in Action said, "This project is an excellent extension to our work in Haliburton and area in trying to promote safe outdoor activity. The students looked at accessibility and the barriers to accessibility in the community." According to Shikaze, Cardiff is unique as it is a small enclosed community.

Shikaze said that a similar project was done at the Archie Stouffer Elementary School in Minden.

Deputy Reeve Mackie thanked Gervais for making the presentation to Council on behalf of the students, and commended Gervais for his work.■

Council held a brief discussion about designating some of the rights-of-way in Cardiff as walking paths and, with the safety and welfare of residents in the community in mind, to give consideration to repairs on the pathways during budget deliberations for the following year.■

Highlands East Amends Zoning By-Law

"An amended site plan control by-law would require detailed drawings and information so that inspectors are not flying blind. It would make it much more official than looking at a drawing on a serviette."
(Chris Jones, Meridian Planning)

The Highlands East Council passed the final version of Housekeeping Amendments to their Comprehensive Zoning By-Law. Of the almost 80 amendments made to the by-law, one of the most notable changes related to the replacement of legal non-complying buildings in the Municipality.

A legal non-conforming (or complying) use is the use of land, buildings, or structures that often were established prior to zoning coming into play, but is no longer a permitted use because zoning has been established or has been changed. The use is often allowed to continue with what is called legal non-conforming rights. In the long run, it is the goal of most municipalities to see legal non-conforming uses cease to exist or be replaced by a use that complies with the zoning.

Chris Jones of Meridian Planning Consultants advised Council that municipalities are moving away from their existing policy allowing the replacement or expansion of legal non complying buildings. Jones suggested that rather than closing the gap by allowing reconstruction/replacement or renovations to an existing structure without allowing additions, Council should consider other options. In his correspondence to Council Jones said that his recommendation to remove the ability to enlarge or replace such buildings was based on the premise that new development on or near the shoreline should be discouraged. He said, "By allowing the outright demolition and subsequent construction of a new building, little is done to limit or restrict new development within the required shoreline setbacks."

Jones also said, "In our experience, allowing replacement of non-complying structures can often cause grief for inspectors unless the structure is clearly documented through survey stakes or detailed plans."

The Paudash Lake Conservation Authority (PLCA) submitted comments to the planner suggesting that the removal of this provision in the by-law could unduly limit residents whose buildings are destroyed by circumstances beyond their control. Given this concern, Jones recommended modifying the by-law to allow replacement under these specific circumstances.

Given concerns raised by PCLA and Councillor Suzanne Partridge, Jones also suggested that Council could leave the provision to replace non complying building in the by-law and deal with replacements through an amended site plan control by-law. Jones said, "This would require detailed drawings and information so that inspectors are not flying blind. It would make it much more official than looking at a drawing on a serviette."

Council agreed to allow replacement of legal non complying buildings to remain in the comprehensive zoning by-law. They also accepted the recommendation to look at amending their site plan control by-law to capture the replacement of these structures.

Two minor additions to the general provisions of the by-law included clarifying that all islands are zoned Limited Service Residential unless otherwise noted on the by-law schedules and placing the onus on the landowner to confirm a legal non-compliant setback through an established reference plan.

The PLCA also made comments to Jones about shoreline setbacks and setbacks for boathouses. Jones commented that the municipality has had several boathouse replacements that didn't get them any closer to achieving their goals.

The Highlands East Official Plan policy requires that development on new lots be subject to a 30 metre shoreline setback. This has been implemented by Council through zoning approvals required as conditions of lot registration. Jones gave examples of new development where this setback has been established through the development application process. While Jones didn't object to the 30 metre setback requirement on vacant lots, he reminded Council that this item had not been included in the public consultation process and should not be included in the passage of the proposed amendment at this time for that reason.

The PLCA also recommended a four to six metre interior side yard setback rather than the existing two metre requirement. This was due to the concern that a marine railway to a boathouse could also be set back two metres from the side lot line which PLCA found objectionable.

Jones said, "In our experience any discussion on boathouses can be wide-ranging and extensive." Jones said he was open to more discussion on boathouses with the possible objective of formulating a specific Official Plan policy as was done in Highlands East for guest cabins and bunkies. However, Jones recommended against making the change unless Council was prepared to conduct supplemental public consultations prior to adopting all of the housekeeping changes.

Council concurred with the recommendations made by Jones.■

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Glamour and Drama In Gelert

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Second of Four Fringe Installments Simply Excellent Entertainment

R. D. Lawrence Place Co-ordinator Sheryl Loucks, using cummerbund, bow tie, top hat and cane effectively, performed as impresario at the recent Minden Fringe Festival performance and did an excellent job. I should point out that this reviewer had assumed the role at the opening of the Festival, but in my view Sheryl should continue, as she just the right tone for the two-act evening.

Act 1

Multi-talented songstress Jerelyn Craden was first up with a repertoire of jazz standards called *Shakin' the Blues Away*, a title taken from a song by Irving Berlin. Over the course of the year I've come to know Jerelyn from the regular Minden Playwrights meetings. I've seen her read parts and I've become aware of her talent as an actor. I've also interviewed her for another story, and have also read excerpts from her novel, so I knew that this was one very talented woman. But it's one thing to write, another to act, and yet still another to sing effectively. The list of talented actors who've bombed as singers is long and star-studded. So, it was with some trepidation that I readied myself for the arrival of Jerelyn and her accompanist Mike Lewis, a featured keyboardist in Gelert musician Stan Russell's jazz band. On the Fringe program Mike came billed as the 'musician's musician', and the sobriquet is apt, inasmuch as he's an excellent pianist, and entertaining to boot.

Jerelyn very quickly won the audience over with her combination of easy charm, audacious pipes, meticulous phrasing, and her obvious love of the material. She carried us through a carefully constructed program of jazz standards, which featured a tribute to Judy Garland. Her *Over the Rainbow* from the *Wizard of Oz*, a song we've all heard thousands of times, nevertheless resonated not only with the controlled notes of a powerful and tuneful voice, but also soared with the inspired delivery, which was somewhere between that of Garland herself and Cleo Lane. In fact, like Cleo, Jerelyn has that pleasingly pixie-ish countenance that belies her hidden vocal talents. She was tanned and looked terrific in a black and white summer dress, which could have been tailor made for the air-heavy evening, and the ambience of upstairs at Wintergreen.

The one-hour set was highlighted effectively by the piano playing and banter of Mike Lewis, who, when Jerelyn took a couple of much deserved breathers, took us down memory lane with more standards, delivered in a droll voice, which nicely counterpointed Jerelyn's intensity.

When the set finally ended to tumultuous applause, everyone in the sold-out room realized that they'd just experienced something very special indeed. Even three young female teenagers, one of whom openly admitted a preference for something called Death Metal admitted to being impressed by what they'd just experienced. The music "talks to different parts of you," ventured Brittany Griffin. "I was curious, and I wanted to see what it was all about," offered Erica Sullivan, "she has a great voice."

"Look how long it (the music) has lasted, and it's still here," said Brittany Eliais, 17. If the younger audience members had that to say, you can imagine what some of the older ones were thinking. But they couldn't talk much because they all were afflicted with perma-grin, which was a fitting tribute to a glamorous musical experience.

Act 2

After a 15 minute break the Fringe audience at Wintergreen was called back to witness the first-ever performance of a play called *Ephemeral Things* directed by, and starring Aaron King. I for one would not have wanted to follow Jerelyn and Mike, but undaunted, Aaron and his on-stage partner Naomi Du Vall, put on a performance that exemplifies the very best of 'amateur' theatre, which is sometimes raised to the level of professionalism while still retaining its spontaneity and freshness- the very essence of what the Fringe is all about.

Aaron King previously played the part of the Scarecrow in his brother Chris' video-short called *Stuffing*, and last year he also played the part of a French Canadian logger in Michael Fay's original musical *Last of the Great White Pine*. It's great the way the brothers support each other, and Chris, just returned from an experiential trip to England, gets credit as stage manager. So, on to the play. The premise of Aaron's play is: *'While a war is waged outside, two people pass the time in the safety of indoors, sharing their thoughts and ideas, while they wait for the war to end, or for the bombs to fall-whichever comes first.'*

The set for *Ephemeral Things*, was necessarily sparse, as the performing area at Wintergreen is small. Set and props consisted of a door- in- frame, a small cot-like bed, a table on which reposed a very old type writer, a video camera and a playback monitor. I like the way the Kings borrow from established classics. In *Stuffing* Chris borrowed heavily from the *Wizard of Oz* for inspiration, and for *Ephemeral Things* Aaron borrows from *Waiting for Godot*. Like in that iconic play both characters in *Ephemeral Things* are waiting for another character named Godot, who never appears.

What makes *Ephemeral Things* work is the amazing (for one so young) philosophical depth of thought, and the subsequent delivery of lines by Aaron, playing the part of Quill. While the writing was first-rate, the acting and rhythmic delivery by Aaron and Naomi was mesmerizing, and Aaron especially was able to pull the audience into his thought processes by his cadence. His words were like music that way. It was very heady stuff, but theatrically, what raised the piece beyond the words was the effective use of video. The play calls for Aaron's character Quill to use a video camera to 'interview' Blue. Her head is seen on the monitor, so the audience had the option of watching either the real, full-bodied Blue, or the on-screen version. Later on things were switched around, and it was Blue interviewing Quill. It worked -- sort of.

But some things didn't work quite so well. More work needs to be done with the video camera concept. The fact that Quill and Blue, when interviewing each other, have to keep the video camera focused on the other's face made for a virtual non-movement of both characters. When Quill/Aaron had the camera he was able to sneak little looks at the monitor to insure that Blue's face was centred on the screen, and for the most part he was successful. When Blue/Naomi was interviewing Quill however, she didn't sneak looks, and Quills face was bouncing all over the screen and sometimes off it altogether, which was disconcerting. The use of a tri-pod could have at least allowed the interviewer some freedom of movement.

My other concern is with the role of Blue, which needs some more fleshing out, so that she becomes more than a mere sounding board for Quills philosophic statements. Some disagreement from Blue regarding Quills philosophy for example, would have given Blue more depth. But these are trifles, which with a little more rehearsal, and a slight re-write could be easily overcome. Here's hoping that we see the play at some later stage of development, as it deserves an encore.

Aaron's acting has come a long way since *'Pine*, and he gave a sensitive, compelling performance. A newcomer to many of us, Naomi Du Vall, showed real promise, and she's a delightful addition to the acting community.

All in all it was a night to remember, and the next installment of Fringe will have its work cut out to live up to the second week's performances. The next Fringe takes place on Saturday, August 2nd, at the Wintergreen Pancake barn in Gelert. The Community Playback Theatre will be performing *Stories of Summer Friendships* in Act 1, and in act 2 Kathryn Boyd will present her one woman show called *Claudette's Egg*.

For ticket reservations, and to find out more about upcoming Fringe performances call (705) 286-3202. The Wintergreen Pancake Barn is located at 3325 Gelert Rd (formerly County Rd #1), in Gelert, about 2 km south of South Lake Rd.■

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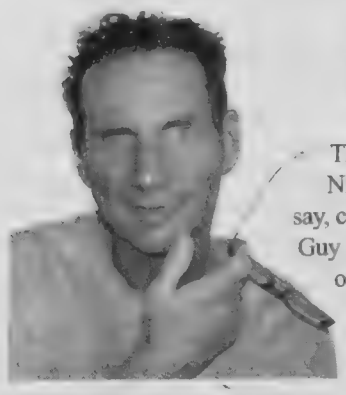

NHL Life – Now a Full Time Grind
Cody Hodgson Epitomizes the New Breed

Things are different in the NHL today. Used to be, oh say, circa 1971, when a player like Guy Lafleur was selected first overall in the NHL draft, small selection-day indulgences would parlay on the dais.

A few cameras would snap the de rigueur promo stills. Lafleur donning Habs jersey; Lafleur smiling; Lafleur thanking the brothers and priests from his grade school for churning the brilliance that allowed him to shine on several stages before his eventual promotion to professional prominence. "We played hockey at noon, and after school, we practiced until dark. All the Brothers (priests at Ecole Ste. Famille) were mad about hockey. The principal made us shoot until we could hit this big hole in the boards. It was tough," allowed the Rose, the flowering talent, and withering thorn in the side of so many opposing coaches during the course of his florid career.

But back in 1971, on draft day, with flashes and motor drives popping and whirring simultaneously, and the beat reporters scribbling medleys madly to deadline, Lafleur was probably not thinking about hockey. Other things were percolating on the Flower's summer agenda.

And, after the interviews, the Habs next and best might meld into the backdrop and disappear into the corridor for a smoke. And he might lean over and ask a reporter for directions to the nearest golf course.

The closest thing to a training regimen, back in that prehistoric and antediluvian 70s era NHL, was the gentle swinging weight of a lofted nine iron. A few players might indulge in a personal weight-training regimen consisting of a few hoists of a quart or two of Molson Export in Toe Blake's Tavern of a Monday or a Tuesday or a Wednesday or a Thursday night.

Some players, like John Ferguson preferred to run stairs between the box seats and the betting booths at Blue Bonnets raceway in the off-season – and in-season too, between skates and Stanleys.

I remember that Chuck Arnason went seventh in that same first round to the Habs. I knew Chuck quite well, because Chuck Arnason, who played with Bobby Clarke on the Flin Flon Bombers, hailed from Ashern Manitoba. His father and then brother managed the funeral home. I worked summers on my uncle's ranch, 20 miles from Ashern, migrating there June to September from my Ottawa home. In March, 1971, my pops came into my room one morning with a copy of the Hockey News.

The headline read: "Who will be First? Lafleur, Dionne or Arnason."

Well, Dionne went second and poor Chuckie went seventh overall to the Habs, who had little room, unfortunately, in their punched line-up. The Habitants selected Murray Wilson with their 11th pick in the first round. Larry Robinson was selected 20th overall by Les Canadiens in the second round. All three, Arnason, Wilson and Robinson played out the 1971-72 season with the Nova Scotia Voyageurs. Arnason was selected as the AHL's Rookie of the Year. Some sportswriters opined that the Voyageurs could have finished second or third in the NHL that year. These assertions were never met with a scoff or an indulgent cough. They were generally accepted to be in the ballpark.

Chuck Arnason drove back to Ashern after that first AHL season in a shiny Trans Am and made it to within 70 miles of home before blowing out the engine on a straight stretch of Number Six Highway just shy of Lundar. His Trans Am was towed home and it spent the summer languishing on a patch of grass near a local garage.

Chuck Arnason was a natural athlete. His summer training consisted of mowing just about every lawn in the Town of Ashern. No charge. He would run behind a push mower. Afternoons, he would golf and he would pitch for the Ashern Hornets at baseball tournaments on most weekends. No weights, no running and for sure no ice time.

Arnason played 19 games with the Habs in 73-74 and then went on to a succession of teams including the Atlanta Flames, Pittsburgh Penguins, Kansas City Scouts, Colorado Rockies, Cleveland Barons and Minnesota North Stars. Chuck's son Tyler Arnason is an NHL player today. Chuck is immersed in the golf industry in Winnipeg. I don't think Chuck has any regrets.

But, his story encapsulates in a nutshell the difference between the NHL then and now. Few players today, chosen in the glitterati glare of the first round of the NHL June Draft, can afford to take a summer off. If there is indeed no rest for the wicked, then triple that to infinity for an NHL player in the new millennium.

There are no laurelled-cushions in today's National Hockey League ranks. It's gym, dryland, skate and go. This is twelve months; summers on ice; compelled and active duty. If you're not getting better, not working hard, it's a sure bet someone is gaining. It's a compressed lifestyle, with careers but a blink on a hard macadam road. Many pairs of Nike trainers wear out along the way.

For a picture of the new millennium player we need wander no further than a Highlands' cottage and a glimpse into the summer of one Cody Hodgson. Drafted 10th overall by Vancouver Canucks back in June, Cody Hodgson has found little time for gentle indulgence.

Last weekend Hodgson took part in an intensive little meet and greet in Ottawa with 40 or so prospective players vying for spots on the 2009 Canada Junior Team. Hodgson had an assist on a Luke Schenn (drafted by Toronto Maple Leafs) tally in a Red versus White intersquad tilt last Sunday. Schenn, Hodgson and the Reds won that game 4-1 and they played again on Monday evening before taking part in a golf tournament last Tuesday.

Hodgson hasn't really had time to pause for a breath since his selection last June. He's ecstatic about being considered by Team Canada, but is taking it one step at a time. "This camp is just the first step in the process and it's going to give all the players a chance to get to know one another," says Hodgson. "I'll be going in just trying to get along. I'll try to focus on my game and I'll try to lead by example," says Hodgson, a Haliburton cottager, now living in Markham. Hodgson captained the under-18 Canadian team that captured gold in Russia last spring. He was joined on that team by Haliburton's Matt Duchene who figures to go top five in the NHL draft next season. Both players are teammates on the Brampton Battalion of the OHL.

Hodgson continues to work very hard on all facets of his game. Right now he divides his time between sessions with skating coach Brad Wheeler and a three-day per week regimen of training with the father and son tandem of Dave and Sam Gagner at Dave's Power Play Training Center in London. "I've been living there (the Gagner residence) three or four days a week and working out at the center," says Hodgson.

The Power Play training center has a skating treadmill and state-of-the-art training rooms focusing on all facets of player development from aerobics, to power skating, to technique and even Yoga. "Yes I do yoga too," chuckles Hodgson. But seriously, he says that a lot of players are using the time-honored regimen to increase flexibility.

According to Hodgson, the three or four days spent with Sam and Dave mesh concisely with his goals.

"I'll be going to the Canucks camp in September and my goal is to make the team, but I know there are some things I have to work on to prepare myself for that," says Hodgson. He's in the right place, working out with Sam Gagner, who proved last year that an 18-year-old could stick and prosper with an NHL club. Sam proved the pundits wrong and removed any doubt about his prowess with an outstanding first year rampage on a very young and coming Edmonton Oiler club. "I am learning a lot from workouts with Sam," says Hodgson.

And then there's Dave. Dave Gagner was named to the Vancouver Canucks staff this spring and is the man responsible for Player Development. Ah, Robbie Burns, the best laid plans need not always "gang aft agleigh." Sometimes a strategy just morphs together. Dave supplies the nuts and bolts and Sam is there for inspiration and proof that dedication to purpose pays off.

Not for nothing was Cody Hodgson twice named Scholastic Player of the Year for the Brampton Battalion.

Look up Feng Shui in your Websters Dictionary and you just might find a picture of Cody Hodgson.

Cody Hodgson is absolutely tuned to goals, aligned with center and in that good place.

And we'll leave it to Hodgson to sum up, in a nonce and a nuance, the wide chasm between the NHL then and now.

"I've learned that nothing comes free."

Which kind of puts it all back into perspective.■

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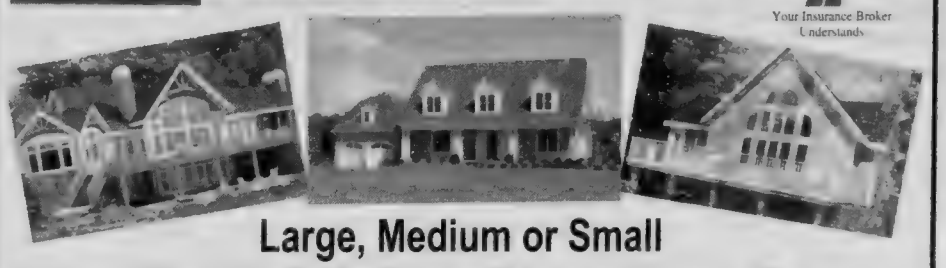

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Minden River Kings Tryout Camp Set for Weekend

Gooderham's Devin Hunter is Pumped About Upcoming Season

Terrance Gavan
Sports Editor

The new logo is installed at center ice of the SG Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden.

Renovations are being made for the new team dressing room and coaching office located toward the read of the Nesbitt facility.

Season ticket sales and attendant cap, shirt and jersey paraphernalia have been ordered.

A website is running. Minden River Kings signage is up and fronting the Nesbitt Arena.

A meet-the-players gala including a free public skate has been planned for the morning of the home opener on September 14.

Oh, and in case you haven't noticed, Junior A hockey is coming to town.

The Minden River Kings open their first ever GMHL (Greater Metro "Junior A" Hockey League) schedule on the road against the South Muskoka Shield in Gravenhurst on Saturday, September 13.

The home opener versus the Brock Bucks is slated for Sunday, September 14th at 6 pm.

Head coach Mike Jeschke isn't thinking about all that right now. This week, Jeschke and assistant coach Brooks Robinson had some serious work to do. They've been spending the week preparing for the inaugural River King tryout tilt, slated for Nesbitt Arena Saturday August 2 and Sunday August 3.

"We're hoping to have 50 players in camp," said Jeschke, in an interview conducted before he left on a scouting junket south of the border.

Centre ice logo is now installed at the S.G. Nesbitt Arena in Minden photo by Lyn Winans

Jeschke spent last weekend in Beantown at an annual tournament open to a plethora of hockey talent and teams drawn from across the Canadian and US eastern seaboard and beyond.

Boston's Jack Cunniff Chowder Cup drew 80 teams this year, and one of the divisions included a Junior A pool. Some of the players involved in the annual hockey extravaganza have signed commitments to Jr. A clubs. A goodly number, however, are there to showcase their talents, in the hope that they may catch the eye of a scout or a coach in the stands. A coach like Mike Jeschke, for instance. A coach looking for that gem in the rough, that player with flair, that spark that might ignite a team; a team that is entering an inaugural season with some lofty goals. "We're looking to be competitive right now," said Jeschke, shortly after taking the reins of the fledgling River Kings.

The Chowder Classic has long been a proving ground, a 'Rink of Dreams' if you will, for 17 or 18-year-old players who have reached that crossroads.

To imbibe one more time or move on. To play or stay. It sometimes presents as harsh decision for a young man, faced with choice. Sometimes, the laces get tightened after a spring and summer of introspection and the fever hits. And sometimes the pads, the stick and the gut just don't respond to the magic.

Jeschke was in Boston looking for some guys with the fever, and the talent to carry play. Jeschke was still on the road as the paper went to press, but he did go down with a load of optimism.

"I'm hoping to come back from the Chowder Cup with some player commitments," said Jeschke, recently.

The River Kings already have several players signed and Jeschke said that his original goal centered upon having 10 to 12 players signed before training camp. That would leave 50 or so players vying for the remaining 14 to 16 spots on the roster. Which in turn would make for a pretty intense camp.

Players signed right now include Tyler Wright, a forward gleaned from Triple A Midget Whitby Wildcats. Jeschke remains very high on recent acquisition Jeremy Schafer, a talented goalie who hails from Florida. Brett Nussbaum, another Floridian and GMHL draft pick has also inked a deal with the River Kings. Evan Beasley, a defenceman from Houston Texas was the first GMHL draft-pick to sign on with the Kings. Jeschke recently reported that Californian Derick Rosas has also put his name on a contract.

However, no local team is complete without a solid mix of local flair. It's good for the gate and it's good for player development. Jeschke has always said that his goal was to sign area players. And not only for the aforementioned reasons. Simply put, Jeschke feels that this area produces a lot of players capable of contributing to a Jr. A club. "We know there are some good solid players in the area," said Jeschke. Of course the trick lies in finding them.

Enter Devin Hunter. Hunter is a rangy center carrying 200 pounds on a durable six-foot and change mainframe. Hunter is 19 and played with Peterborough's Sanford Fleming College last season. He's entering the second year of a two-year Recreation Program at Fleming.

Jeschke signed Hunter to a Minden River King contract in mid-July. The nice news is that Hunter hails from Gooderham and you don't get any more local than that. Better news is that there are many, many Hunters in Gooderham. Even better than that, they're all hockey fans.

And the best news? Devin Hunter is ready to play and energized about the opportunity.

"I'm really excited," says Hunter, who will not be at the tryout camp this weekend because of a prior commitment to a family wedding. He does hope, however, to be on the ice at the Nesbitt Arena with his new coach at some point this week.

"I'm looking forward to skating this week in Minden, and it will be nice to get back on the ice," said Hunter. The team he played on last year in Peterborough was a club team, but was not integrated into the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association (OCAA) hockey league. "We played some exhibition games and a lot of tournaments," said Hunter, adding that many of the team members were older players who had come back to college after finishing their junior careers. "I learned a lot playing with the older guys," said Hunter, who turns 19 next March.

At the same time, he said that the truncated schedule – "We only played about 20 games." – was a little frustrating. "I'm looking forward to playing a lot more hockey with the River Kings this season," chuckles Hunter.

The River Kings will play a 43 game schedule, 21 at home at 21 on the road with one game played in a neutral venue. And that suits Devin Hunter, who is itching to get back to competitive hockey. He started skating at three and began playing hockey when he was five. He played with several Highland Storm teams and was a member of the Haliburton High Red Hawks for a season.

He said that he doesn't know a lot about the GMHL and he will share that learning curve with most of his teammates. "I know the league is not affiliated with Hockey Canada, but I don't think it's an issue," says Hunter. "From what I hear it's on a par with other Junior A teams in the province."

For now he's just planning to skate as much as he can, do the requisite dryland training and count down the days to the season opener in Gravenhurst on September 13th. Hunter will also continue his recreation studies at Fleming in Peterborough. "I'll be able to attend classes and practices, so that shouldn't be a problem," says Hunter. He says he's looking forward to training camp.

Oh, and he's also pretty pumped about the home opener slated for the Nesbitt Arena on Sunday September 14th.

"Oh, that will be exciting," says Hunter. "There's nothing better than playing in front of a home crowd, family and friends."

Jeschke is hoping to pack 600 fans into the Nesbitt Arena for the home opener. No doubt, Gooderham and the Hunter Clan will be well-represented in the mix.■

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Subject: LIQUIDS
(e.g., What is the "universal solvent"? Answer: Water.)

FRESHMAN LEVEL
1. The proverb states that this is "thicker than water"
Answer_____
2. The watery substance produced in the mouths of humans.
Answer_____
3. The world's oldest and most popular alcoholic beverage.
Answer_____

GRADUATE LEVEL
4. What poison did Socrates drink?
Answer_____
5. What liquid would be contained in a nebuchadnezzar?
Answer_____
6. This beverage became popular after it was discovered in Ethiopia.
Answer_____

PH.D. LEVEL
7. In common usage, ethanol is often referred to simply as ___
Answer_____
8. What is the tonic in tonic water?
Answer_____
9. What alcoholic beverage is called "the Green Fairy"?
Answer_____

ANSWERS: 1. Blood. 2. Saliva. 3. Beer. 4. Hemlock. 5. Wine or champagne. 6. Coffee. 7. Alcohol. 8 Quinine. 9. Absinthe.

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FOR WEEK OF AUG. 4, 2008

Horoscopes
It's in the Stars

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of encouraging others by example to come out from the shadows and enjoy life to the fullest.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A longtime situation starts to move into a new phase. The question for the uncertain Lamb right now is whether to move with it. Facts emerge by midmonth to help you decide.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A talent for organizing your priorities allows the Divine Bovine to enjoy a busy social life and not miss a beat in meeting all workplace and/or family commitments.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) What began as a dubious undertaking has now become one of your favorite projects. Your enthusiasm for it rallies support from other doubters-turned-believers.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Accept the help of friends to get you through an unexpectedly difficult situation. There'll be time enough later to investigate how all this could have happened so fast.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Change is a major factor for the Big Cat through midmonth. Be prepared to deal with it on a number of levels, including travel plans and workplace situations.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You might not like all the changes that have begun to take place around you. But try to find something positive in at least some of them that you can put to good use.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A family member's unsettling experience could create more problems if it's not handled with care and love. And who's the best one to offer all that? You, of course.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) It might not be the right time for you to start a new venture. But it's a good time to start gathering facts and figures so you'll be set when the GO! sign lights up.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) The sagacious Sagittarius should have no trouble deciding between those who can and those who cannot be trusted to carry out a workplace commitment.

CAPRICORN (Decem
ber 22 to January 19) Surprise, surprise. It looks as if that one person you once thought you could never hope to win over to your side just might suddenly choose to join you.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You might have to set aside your pride for now and accept a change that isn't to your advantage. Cheer up. There'll be time later to turn this around in your favor.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your creative self emerges as dominant through midmonth. This should help you restart that writing or arts project you've left on the shelf for far too long.

Dear Abby
by Abigail Van Buren

The Loyal Companion

DEAR ABBY: I recently lost my loyal companion of 12 years, my dog Buddy. His death has been difficult for me, although with each passing day the hurt eases a little. My 3-year-old niece, "Tamara," adored Buddy. Her first words during any conversation usually were, "Where's Buddy?" or, "How is Buddy?" Tamara lives in another state, so she was able to see him only during visits to my home. I asked my sister to explain that Buddy had died and gone to heaven, hoping Tamara would understand why Buddy is no longer here with me. Sadly, she didn't do as I asked. The last time we talked Tamara said, "Maybe he'll be back from heaven when we come see you." They're coming next month, and when they do I know I'll have to deal with Buddy's loss all over again. What's the best way to handle this with the least amount of hurt for all concerned? When her fish died, they flushed it down the toilet, and Tamara still thinks it will come swimming back one day. -- "AUNT LALA" IN RHODE ISLAND

DEAR AUNT LALA: Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your beloved Buddy. The way to handle this is, when your niece arrives and asks where Buddy is, tell her again that he died. And when she asks when he's coming back, tell her that when creatures die, they do not come back. It's the truth, and it may stop her from continually checking the toilet.

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*DEAR ABBY: Can you give me a lighthearted, polite response when someone says, "Shame on you!" for not doing something he thinks everyone should be doing -- like watching "Star Wars" movies and inconsequential things like that? My husband has a colleague who says this constantly. We find it rude, but don't want to match his rudeness with our own. -- STUMPED IN ST. CLOUD, MINN.

DEAR STUMPED: You husband's colleague is not being rude. He's being asinine -- and for you and your husband to buy into it is a waste of your time and emotion. The next time he says, "Shame on you" for something so trivial, just laugh and agree with him. "Yes, ha-ha. It's shameful." Then change the subject. No one has the right to dictate how you should spend your time, so take it with a grain of salt.

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SPORTS QUIZ

By Chris Richcreek

1. Who was the first University of Nebraska pitcher to win a game in the College World Series?
2. Who was the last switch-hitter before Philadelphia's Jimmy Rollins in 2007 to win a league MVP Award?
3. Who are the three Hall of Fame running backs who had more than 400 receptions and 10,000 rushing yards?
4. Six NCAA Division I men's basketball coaches have won at least 800 games. Name four of them.
5. Who was the oldest NHL player to reach the 60-goal mark?
6. Name the only two NASCAR drivers to make the Chase for the Championship each year between 2004 and 2007.
7. Who was the first Polish woman tennis player to top the $1 million mark in career earnings on the WTA Tour?

Answers

1. Current New York Yankees pitcher Joba Chamberlain.
2. Atlanta's Chipper Jones in 1999.
3. Marcus Allen, Walter Payton and Thurman Thomas.
4. Bob Knight, Dean Smith, Adolph Rupp, Jim Phelan, Eddie Sutton and Mike Krzyzewski.
5. Phil Esposito, who turned 33 years old when he tallied 61 goals in the 1974-75 season.
6. Jimmie Johnson and Matt Kenseth.
7. Agnieszka Radwanska in 2008.

Super Crossword

CLONES

ACROSS
1 News bit
5 Billboard
9 Request an encore
13 Flying Pan?
18 Praise passionately
19 Singer Guthrie
20 Top-notch
21 Pit
22 "— It Up" ('73 hit)
23 A roaring success?
24 Nary a soul
25 Actress Andress
26 Start of a remark by Laurence J. Peter
30 Unfashionable
31 Castilian cry
32 "— and shine!"
33 Part 2 of remark
37 "Golden Girl" McClanahan
38 Read quickly
40 Spellbound
44 Generation
45 McGregor of "Trainspotting"
47 Company
49 Hot off the press
50 Mirth
52 Tennis legend
53 Kanga's creator
54 Crafter's need
56 Anderson's "Tea and —"
58 Shucks
59 "Beagle" passenger
60 — Spumante
61 Lout
62 "State Fair" state
64 Etta of the comics
65 Commercials
68 Part 3 of remark
72 Actor Fernando
73 Learning method
75 Grant or Elwes
76 Youngster
77 Emulated Pinocchio
79 Winter wear
81 Milo of "Ulysses"
83 Malamutes and huskies
87 Poe crow
88 More owlish
89 Coat material
90 Singer Amos
91 Relished the rigatoni
92 Ullman or Gold
94 Flicka's foot
95 Chum
96 Harper of "Tender Mercies"
98 Adequate
99 Understanding
100 Part 4 of remark
104 Lug
106 Actress Zadora
107 TV's "Have — Will Travel"
108 End of remark
117 Infantry action
118 Cheeseboard choice
119 Landed
120 Bearing
122 Like Corn Belt soil
123 Congenial
124 — list
125 Beige
126 "The Threepenny Opera" star
127 Antlered animal
128 Out-of-this-world org.
129 Meat cut

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1 April initials
2 "Cheerio!"
3 Sinister
4 Wine variety
5 Greet the general
6 Rainbow goddess
7 Whipped-cream serving
8 Hendryx or Gaye
9 Wicked thing?
10 At large
11 — May Wong
12 Jury member
13 Knitting stitches
14 Less demanding
15 Part of Micronesia
16 Colleague of 101 Down
17 Rug type
21 Like a Vermont village
27 "What?"
28 It may be common
29 Rub out
33 Packs groceries
34 "The — Dachshund" ('66 film)
35 Swarm (with)
36 New York university
37 — Dawn Chong
38 Made mucky
39 Faultfinder
41 Response
42 Clothing category
43 Jacksonian bill
46 Kid's query
47 Hodges of baseball
48 Loser's locale
51 Antipollution grp.
52 Storm
53 Winter wear
55 Joan Van —
57 Lava particles
58 "Bali —"
59 '73 Elton John hit
61 Ancient epic
63 Prosperous
65 Genesis peak
66 Contribute
67 Ranges
69 Beethoven symphony
70 Air safety org.
71 Nugent or Knight
74 Poetic preposition
78 Banned pesticide
80 Picnic pest
82 "Yo!"
83 — Canals
84 Klutz's cry
85 Mardi —
86 Farm feature
88 Rouse
89 Finished first
93 Act like the Earth
94 "— Wave" ('63 hit)
97 Comic Kaye
99 "Trees" poet
101 Author Christie
102 Word with fruit or Stanley
103 Crown covering
105 Florida city
106 Locale
108 Knight time
109 Muscat's nation
110 Be inclined
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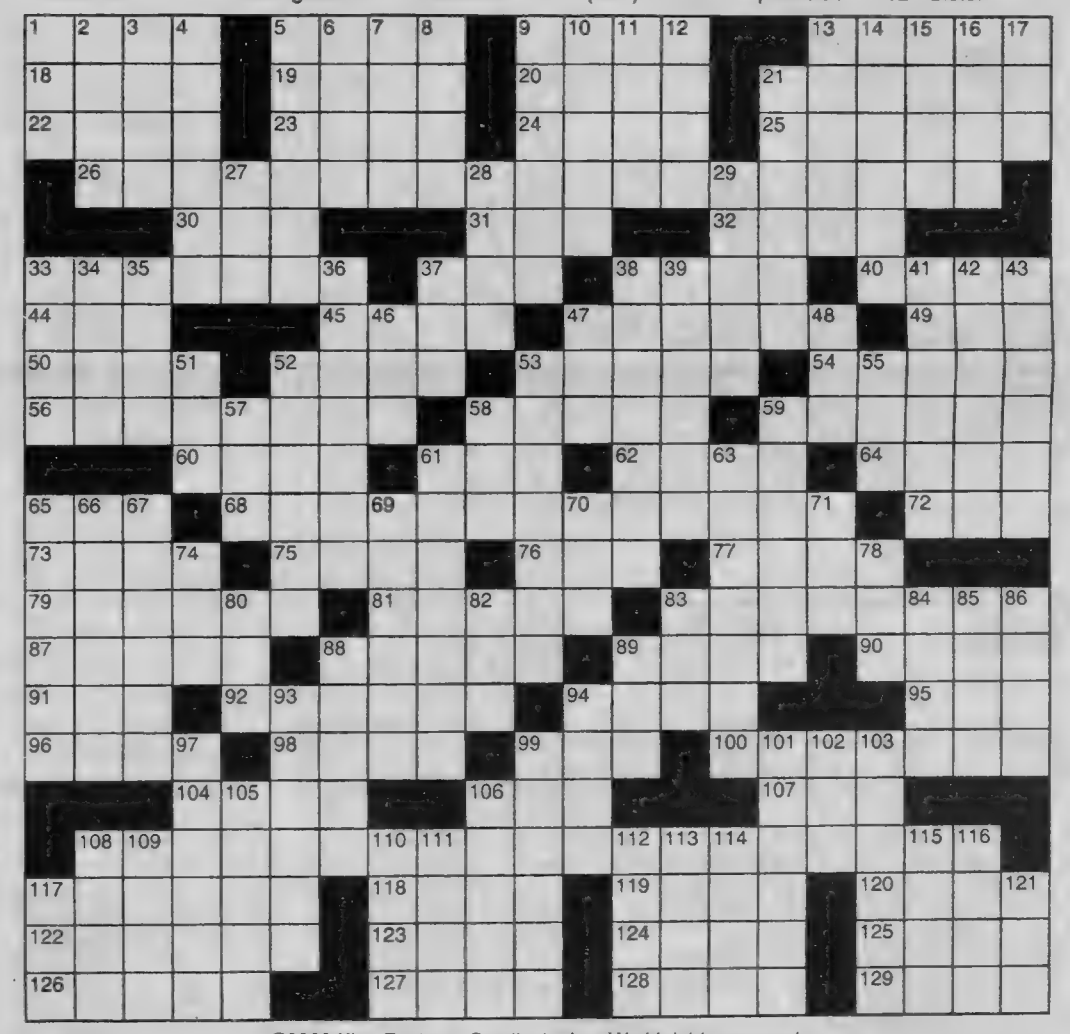

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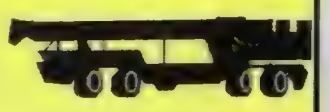
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Haliburton's Art in the Park Draws Unique Exhibitors

Orion Clan Makes Art a Family Affair

Terrance Gavan
Staff Reporter

A unique and intrinsic facet of Haliburton's annual Art and Craft Festival includes the vibrant and compelling interaction between exhibitor and shopper.

At every shop entrance one is greeted with genuine bonhomie, an introduction, and, if you're lucky, a story or two. People stop at exhibits to admire the art or sample the wares, but in almost every case, the shoppers are also drawn into the exhibitor's life.

Each exhibit, an oasis, and each artist, an eclectic addition to the overall ambience of the festival.

The compelling overview then, is not of a huge outdoor shopping mall, but rather an enclave, hearkening an early Grecian agora; a place where each purchase comes replete with an inimitable and distinct provenance.

Two return exhibitors to this year's 44th Annual Art and Craft Festival (hosted by the Rails End Gallery) are Gaia and Dolphin Orion. As usual, they are here this year with their three children, son Tao, 11 and twin sisters Kahala and Zoe who will be turning 10 very soon.

Gaia and Dolphin are set up kitty-corner from each other. Dolphin is managing The Funky Clothesline tie dye clothing kiosk and Gaia is set up in an adjacent tent previewing her burgeoning Art by Gaia line of distinctive art and jewelry. (Art by Gaia will be available at the Ethel Curry Gallery very soon, a result of a successful meeting with the local gallery last weekend.)

The Hendrix-inspired shirts, skirts and shorts and the beautiful and intricate artwork and jewelry are what Dolphin and Gaia do. Their back-story is infinitely more captivating.

Gaia was born in Paris where she studied and graduated as an architect from Ecole des Beaux Arts in 1997. She says that while she uses principles and techniques garnered from her years of study as an architect in her paintings and artwork today, she was never enthralled with the idea of architectural work.

"I don't think I ever wanted to be an architect," laughs Gaia. Something about the constricting and driven nature of the business did not appeal to her gypsy soul.

And so on a whim, and in an endeavor to escape a lifestyle that - she admitted in an English Yoga magazine recently - consisted of an overindulgent lifestyle which included way too many "baguettes, chocolate, coffee and cigarettes" she decided to take a vacation from Paris and the attendant baggage.

She went backpacking, first to Spain and then Morocco. In Morocco she met a like-minded Canadian traveler who hailed from the outskirts of Bradford, Ontario. As it turns out, the chance meeting spawned a two-year romance, which formalized with an engagement on the rim of a volcano in Guatemala.

They were married in France at Gaia's grandmother's "humble castle" which is either oxymoronic or an ad placed by a Haliburton Real Estate broker. (Take your pick on both ends.)

They returned to Canada where Dolphin was working a steady factory job. They had Tao shortly after returning to Canada and fourteen months later Zoe and Kahala arrived on the scene.

And then, Dolphin says, they made the biggest decision of their young lives. "I quit my job and I have no idea, now, what I was thinking then," laughs Dolphin. "Here we were, three kids, a mortgage and no regular job."

Well they did have something, says Gaia. "We had a small organic sprout business, and an idea that we wanted to live from our hearts, live simply and be with our children."

The organic business grew, well, like sprouts, and soon they were supplying a lot of high-end stores in the Toronto area. An opportunity to purchase an existing tie dye clothing business arrived in short order. They bought the inventory, learned the process and procedures of tie dying from the original owners and The Funky Clothesline was born. And it grew … well, again, like sprouts. It gave them enough freedom to sell the now very successful sprout business, move to their current country home, just east of Orillia, and focus on selling funky clothes. Spring, summers and falls were spent bumping, clunking and hop-scotching along the music festival and arts and craft circuit.

They have been known, in past years, to attend as many as 22 shows in a season. It's just part and parcel of the freewheeling, go-for-broke gypsy lifestyle of the traveling artisan. This year they'll be attending fewer shows. In part, because Gaia's art business is finding its legs. She branched out into Art by Gaia about two-and-a-half years ago. Like any new enterprise, it developed slowly, as the couple worked out the kinks and gently massaged growing

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Orion Family Share Love of Art

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pains. But today, her jewelry is commissioned in 16 art stores and galleries. The couple no longer has to lean solely on The Funky Clothesline for sustenance.

They are only doing about nine shows this summer. "We can do that now, partly because Gaia's art is taking off, and partly because we now know which summer shows we do well at," says Dolphin. "We always do very well at the Haliburton show, and that's why we love coming back here every year."

The Orion Family: Top: Gaia and Dolphin. Bottom: Kahala, Zoe and Tao.

Gaia sells her art on her website and she also attends select shows in the winter months. Dolphin says the couple are winnowing down The Funky Clothesline looking toward a time in the not so distant future when Gaia's art will provide the couple with the necessary wherewithal to simplify their life even further. In mid-August they'll head to Newfoundland for some richly deserved R and R. They'll be on the road for four to five weeks, camping, enjoying the scenery and partaking of some real time lessons in Canadian history.

Gaia says that the kids are informally enrolled in school, dividing their time between classroom and home schooling on a shifting basis. She says that it's an option that local school boards have come to embrace and respect.

"We embarked on this journey, because we wanted to spend more time with our children," says Gaia, in between conversations with a number of visitors to her busy art exhibit. The kids all play musical instruments and Dolphin is actually looking at jumpstarting a music career that he put on hold for a decade or two, not so long ago.

"We're always trying to simplify, and right now part of that includes getting back to music and writing," chuckles Dolphin. Gaia says that the kids have kindled their own interest in music. Tao plays drums, Kahala plays piano (like Dad) and Zoe plays a mean fiddle. And, as she sometimes does at these events, Zoe set up a makeshift busking venue behind The Funky Clothesline on Saturday afternoon, playing an assortment of reels and pulling in a large but still undisclosed amount of cash in the form of toons and loons.

And of course that's Haliburton Art and Craft Festival summed up in rapid redux.

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Enemy at the Gates: Invasive Species Entering the Highlands

"When invasive species enter, the entire ecosystem is altered."

Tyson Farrell
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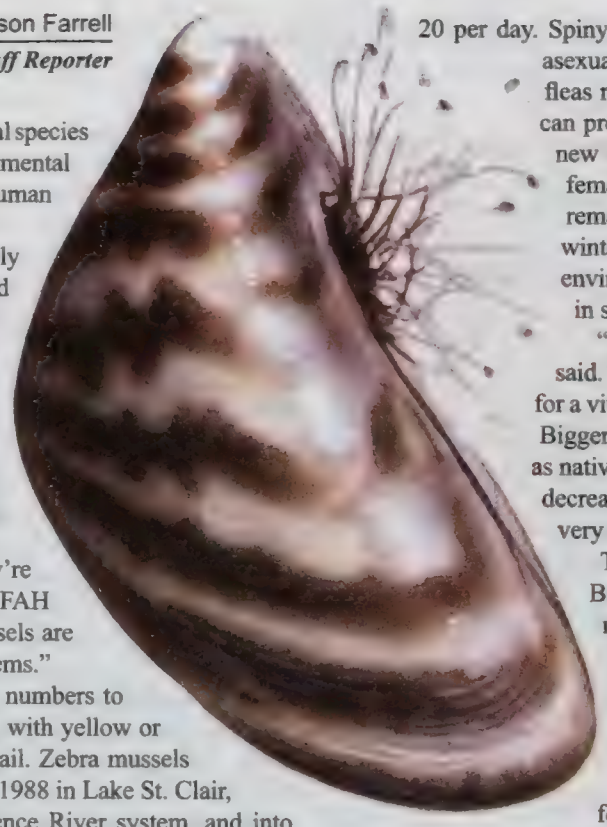

Over the last few years an increasing number of plant and animal species have been introduced to the Haliburton Highlands. Environmental experts are saying that the introduction is due, in the main, to human activity.

When alien species enter the county they disturb the delicately balanced native ecosystem, and can cause profound and widespread damage.

When it comes to invasive species there are few organizations in the province that know as much as the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH). Based in Peterborough, they combat invasive species across Ontario. At the moment, the Haliburton Highlands is an area of concern for the OFAH, because they realize that many invasive species are entering the region.

"A lot of invasive species are in southern Ontario, but they're making their way north, into areas like Haliburton," said OFAH Invasive Species Biologist Francine MacDonald. "Zebra mussels are one species that pose a great threat to the Haliburton lake systems."

Zebra mussels are freshwater mollusks that attach in large numbers to hard objects in the water. They are normally brown in colour, with yellow or white stripes, and are very small - about the size of a fingernail. Zebra mussels have spread rapidly in Ontario. Since their initial discovery in 1988 in Lake St. Clair, they have spread throughout the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River system, and into some inland lakes. They probably entered these inland systems through recreational boating traffic. Zebra mussels are invisible to the naked eye in their early life stage, when they can be transferred unknowingly in live wells, bilge water, and baitfish buckets. In their adult stage they can attach to boat hulls or be transferred on aquatic vegetation that may become tangled on boat motors or trailers.

"Zebra mussels need calcium to make their shells, which they can get from limestone lakes," MacDonald said. "Haliburton lakes are Canadian Shield lakes, and therefore granite based. The Zebra mussels don't have as much calcium in these lakes. Granite lakes also tend to be more acidic, making it difficult for the mussels to survive. This shouldn't be taken as gospel though, and people shouldn't assume that zebras won't spread throughout Haliburton County. They're a highly adaptive species, and they're spreading north."

According to the OFAH, the spiny water flea is an invasive species that Highlanders should be concerned about. At less than one centimeter long, the spiny water flea is a small planktonic crustacean. The flea preys on small organisms called zooplankton and can consume up to 20 per day. Spiny water flea is parthenogenetic which means that it can reproduce asexually and sexually. When conditions are ideal, female spiny water fleas reproduce asexually to produce identical female offspring. Females can produce from one to ten eggs asexually that are able to develop into new females every two weeks. In situations of environmental stress, females produce males and mate to produce "resting eggs" which can remain dormant over long periods of time. They can lay dormant over winter and even out of water for a period of time. They then hatch when environmental conditions improve. The fleas have recently been spotted in several Highland lakes, including Kennisis.

"The spiny water flea has a big affect on the ecosystem," MacDonald said. "By eating zoo plankton, the flea is competing with native fish species for a vital food source. Small fish can't eat the flea because of its long spine. Bigger fish can eat the flea, but it may not have the same nutritional value as native food sources. The spiny water flea also affects biodiversity levels, decreasing the number of zoo plankton species. Zoo plankton species are a very important part of the food chain."

The OFAH considers invasive fish species to be a major problem. Bass are not native to the Highlands, yet they are now present in many local lakes. They put considerable strain on the native trout population, and dominate the ecosystem. "Round Goby Fish are also a big problem," MacDonald said. "The Round Goby is not present in Haliburton yet. However, if people transport fish bait from one area to another, it may invade Haliburton."

Asian Long-Horned beetles are a particular danger to Highland forests. They kill maple trees en masse, and are usually transported into the area by firewood. "Never transport firewood from one area to another," MacDonald said. "If you do, you can easily spread invasive species."

According to the OFAH, there are several invasive plant species entering the Highlands. "One plant, called Garlic Mustard, is quite a problem. It's invading Haliburton. The plant is actually amazing, because is releases a toxin into the soil which prevents other plants from growing. It stops trilliums, and even maple trees, from growing," MacDonald said. "Dog Strangling Vine is also an invading plant. It's a very dense vine that can compete, and win, against almost anything. It's brought up on vehicles from Southern Ontario."

An alien underwater plant that is disrupting Highland ecosystems is the Eurasian Watermill Foil. "This foil grows very densely in lakes, and it gets caught in the propellers of boats. It's a risk to other marine plants. We know that it's present in Canning Lake, and is likely present

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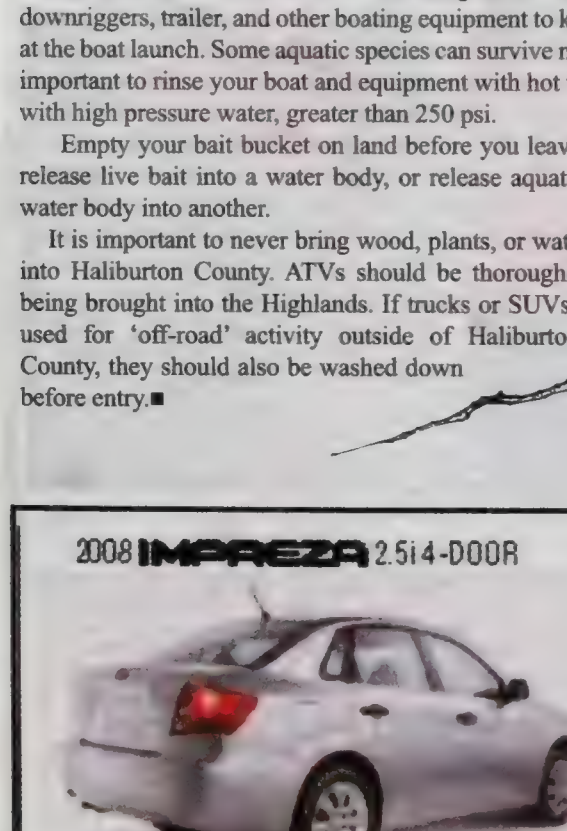
"A lot of invasive species are in southern Ontario, but they're making their way north, into areas like Haliburton"

in many other Haliburton lakes," MacDonald said.

Carolynn Coburn is the director and treasurer of Environment Haliburton! For her, invasive species are a matter of great concern. Environment Haliburton regularly hands out brochures at events, warning of the peril of invasive species. "Often, when we're handing out the brochures, people will look at the pictures of invading species and say 'we see this type of weed all the time when we're boating. It gets wrapped around the propeller of our boat!'"

Haliburton Highlands Outdoor Association President Keith Hodgson recognizes invasive species as a major ecological problem. "A lot of these invasive species are transported here by ATVs. People drive their ATVs in southern Ontario, and collect a bunch of seeds in their wheel wells and fenders. When they come up to the Highlands on the weekends, they go ATVing and the seeds fall off when they drive through water. The seeds get into our water system, and plant species are introduced. When invasive species enter, the entire ecosystem is altered." Hodgson believes that improperly cleaned boats are also a major spreader of invasive species. "Most people know that they're supposed to clean their boat when they go from one lake to another. However, many recreational boaters often boat on two or three different lakes in a day and they don't clean their boats in between.



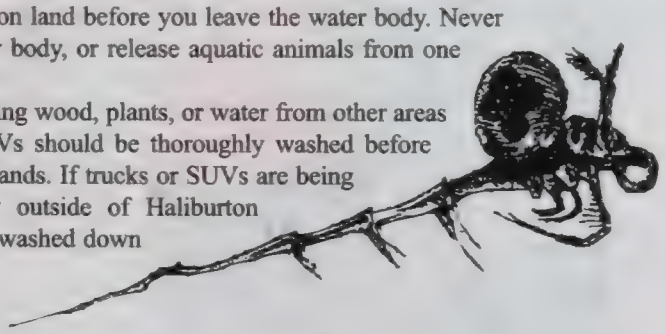
"You're supposed to empty the water out of your boat engine before putting it in a new lake, but there's no protocol for it," Hodgson said. "At public boat launches there usually isn't enough space to park your truck, let alone wash your boat."

The Minden Ministry of Natural Resources office urges people not to transport water, wood, or vegetation into the Highlands from other regions. "It's one of the primary ways that invasive species are transported," said MNR employee and Stewardship co-coordinator Nicole Tuyten. "It's a topic that people should be concerned about." Tuyten wants people to realize that "the MNR always cleans their boats when they're transported from one lake to another."

The invasion of foreign species may be daunting, but there are things that people can do to prevent their progression. Inspect your boat, motor, trailer, and boating equipment (anchor, centreboards, rollers, axles) and remove any zebra mussels and other animals, plants and mud before leaving any water body. Drain water from the motor, live-well, bilge, and transom wells while on land before leaving the water body. Wash and dry your boat, tackle, downriggers, trailer, and other boating equipment to kill harmful species that were not visible at the boat launch. Some aquatic species can survive more than two weeks out of water so it is important to rinse your boat and equipment with hot tap water, or spray your boat and trailer with high pressure water, greater than 250 psi.

Empty your bait bucket on land before you leave the water body. Never release live bait into a water body, or release aquatic animals from one water body into another.

It is important to never bring wood, plants, or water from other areas into Haliburton County. ATVs should be thoroughly washed before being brought into the Highlands. If trucks or SUVs are being used for 'off-road' activity outside of Haliburton County, they should also be washed down before entry.■



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Rails End Gallery's Art and Craft Festival a Big Success

Terrance Gavan
Staff Reporter

Rails End Gallery Executive Director Laurie Jones credits a vibrant, energetic and dedicated group of volunteers with the resounding success of this year's Haliburton Art and Craft Festival extravaganza.

"We had 15 to 20 volunteers on hand at any given time," said Jones last Sunday, just after the show closed. "The volunteers really contributed to the success of the event. And I will say, right now, that it was a huge success."

The 44th Annual Art and Craft Festival, held last Friday, Saturday and Sunday (July 25-27) at Head Lake Park, is organized by the Rails End Gallery and Jones (Rails End Executive Director) said that she was very pleased with all facets of the festival.

About 8,000 visitors poured through the art in the park entranceways during the course of the weekend and Jones said that the 120 vendors were generally ecstatic about both the turnout and venue management.

That, in spite of threatening thunder and periodic downpours which combined to stretch the limits and patience of event staff.

"We have to thank Keith Rydberg, who was in charge of event operations, for keeping booths dry and sweeping away the standing water, especially on Friday night," said Jones. She added that Rydberg and his volunteer site management staff dispersed two truckloads of wood chips to strategic locations near booths that were threatened with standing water problems. They also manned brooms to sweep away large pools of standing water. Jones said that Rydberg's staff went above and beyond in dealing with the deluge.

In the course of chats with some of the vendors in the low lying areas of Head Lake Park, they all seemed very happy with the damage control and volunteer support they received after one particularly large downpour.

"It got a little wet here for a while, but they came around with a load of chips and they swept a lot of the water away as well," said Dolphin Orion, manager of The Funky Clothesline. He added that most of the vendors were hardened veterans of the outdoor circuit and said weather was just another of the minor obstacles that the vendors come to expect. "We've had a lot of sun and the crowds have been great," said Orion on Saturday, just before the skies opened for another 15-minute purge.

Local Haliburton Marquetry artist Kevin Dunlop was also very pleased with the turnout and the fact that the threatening skies had for the most part been rather benevolent. "The turnout has been really good this year, and just looking around at the clouds, I think we've actually been pretty lucky," said Dunlop. "We've seen a lot of sun and the showers haven't lasted that long."

Jones said that although they haven't really had an opportunity to peruse the box full of comment cards submitted by the vendors, she did say that the vocal feedback from exhibitors had been overwhelmingly favorable.

"I think we've had one negative comment and I think that had to do with the weather," said Jones.

She added that numbers were hard to compare, because this was the first year that the Festival had initiated a head count campaign.

The two-dollar admission charge was accompanied by a door prize ticket and the head count was managed by the number of door prize tickets dispersed in the course of the three days. Door prizes were donated by Watercolours Condominiums, Cottage Country Log Cabin and Haliburton Studio Tour artists Lisa Berry, Judy Breau, Brent McGillivray, Karen Sloan and Graham and Debbie Wales.

Jones said that they were in the process of door prize draws as our newspaper deadline loomed on Sunday. Jones said that door prize winners will be published soon and that winners would be notified by email or via the phone numbers provided on the ticket stubs.

This was also the first year for a Beer and Wine Garden at the event and Jones said that it was also received favorably and would become a staple of future Art and Craft Festivals. "It was the first year for the Beer Garden and we have to thank our beer and wine organizers Sandre and Brian Daoust," said Jones.

The food tent, which in previous years had been run through an ancillary organization was organized this year by the festival event staff and the Rails End.

"This was also the first year that we organized the food for the event and once again we have to give a huge thanks to our food team of Donna McCallum and Janis Parker," said Jones. She said that the combination of food and beverages under two large tents worked superbly, especially during the periodic spates of thundershower activity.

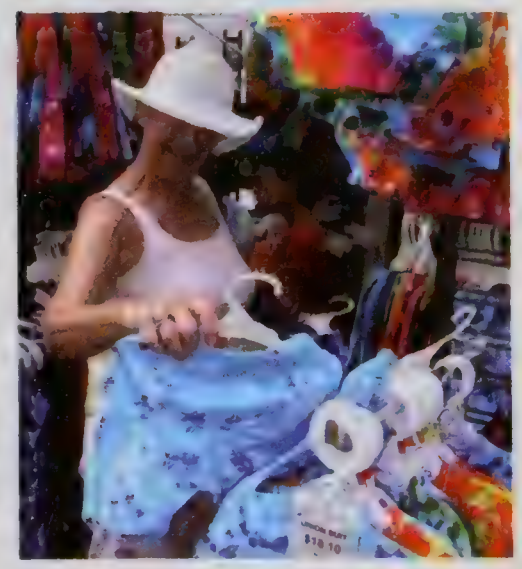
The two large tents also came in handy for the special dinner organized by the sister team of Fionna Melkioty and Finnoula Martin on Saturday night. The dinner was provided as a small thank you for the close to 240 festival volunteers and exhibitors involved in the weekend gathering.

Jones said that the overall feedback from visitors and shoppers was very positive. She added that the Art for Life tent was also very well received. The Art for Life tent provided a children's art area, a space for the Cottage Dreams Heritage Quilt display and a niche for guest speakers.

The Art For Life Speaker Series and outdoor relaxation area was sponsored by Royal LePage Lakes of Haliburton Brokerage. Guest speakers over the course of the three-day event included: Wendy E. Bateman, Sandra Hawkins, Anthony vanLeishout and invited guests from local service group. The tent also provided a venue for several College of the Arts students to display and chat about their work.

Jones said that all credit rests with the core group of Rails End volunteers who pulled together to make this 44th annual event an overwhelming success.

"We couldn't have done it if it wasn't for the many people who gave their time," said Jones.■



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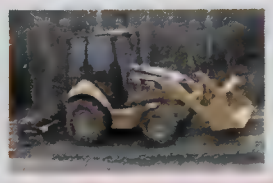

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The Ekdisis Fashion Show...

Newfanglers Art Festival hosting dramatic show

"There aren't many fashion shows up here, and I don't know if there's ever been one outside. It will be an event worthy of remembrance."

The annual Newfanglers Art Festival, which showcases local artists under the age of 30, is quickly approaching. Set for August 2 and 3, the festival features a range of impressive art displays, as well as musical performances and dramatic shows. In an attempt to add an interesting new event to this year's Festival, Newfangler organizers have created the Ekdisis Fashion Show.

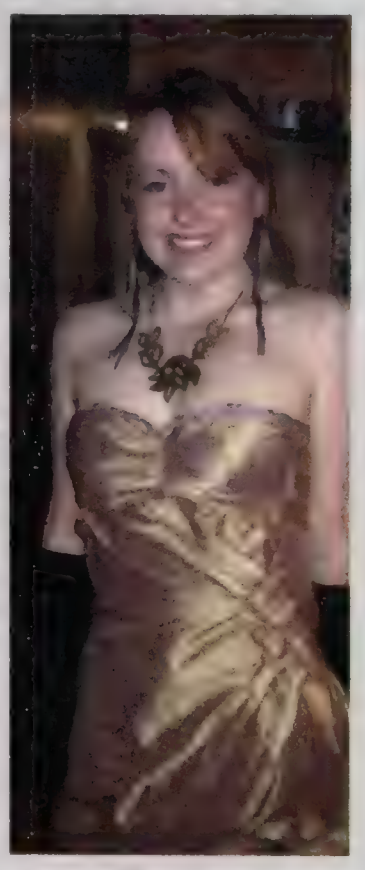
The show is being organized by 19 year-old Minden native Mhairi Treharne. "I became interested in fashion when I lived in Japan for a year," Treharne said. "My host mother had more than 100 kimonos, and lots of different textiles. I was fascinated, and became determined to have a career in fashion design." Treharne graduated from the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School this spring, and in September she will be attending Ryerson University for fashion design. She is working at the Agnes Jameson Gallery in Minden for the summer, and she spends her spare time painting and creating clothing. She also enters her dresses into local art shows, and she recently won first place at a Rails End Gallery competition. Mhairi made her own dress for prom this year, and many considered it to be the most beautiful garment in the ballroom.

"Tiffany Howe, the founder of Newfanglers, approached me and asked me to organize a fashion show," Treharne said. "I thought that it was a great idea. There are a lot of young people up here that knit, make clothes, and paint their own jeans. Many local youth like to design their own clothes, but they have nowhere to showcase their work."

Howe wanted the fashion show to have a theme, so Treharne came up with the title 'Ekdisis.' "Ekdisis is a stage that moth larvae go through when they're transforming into winged moths. It's a stage of metamorphosis. We thought that metamorphosis would be a good theme that designers could interpret in different ways," Treharne said. "Many of the people entering clothing into the fashion show have just graduated from high school, and are about to enter university. That's a period of metamorphosis for them. Some of the designers entering the show are using literal representations of the theme, while others are more abstract. Some are creating clothes with butterfly designers, while others are creating clothes that are reversible, which is a different form of metamorphosis."

Minden's 20 year-old Josh Flaming recently created the clothing company Tradegy Esthetic Apparel, and he will be showing his work at the fashion show. "Josh does a lot of silkscreen work, and creates clothing that people want to wear. He makes cool tee shirts and hoodies, and the 'snowboard' crowd really likes his stuff," Treharne said.

There are about half a dozens designers entering work into the show so far, and Treharne expects more to sign on as the show draws near. "A lot of people want to enter the show, but don't realize how difficult it is to create your own clothing," she said. "It's different than other forms of art. With painting, everybody can use a brush to create something on canvas. With fashion design you need to have a technical understanding of what you're creating. You need to know how to cut out patterns, how to sew, and make something that will fit. There's a lot of know-how involved."



Show Organizer Mhairi Treharne

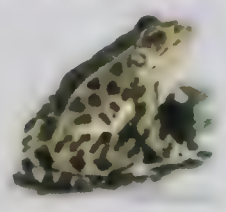
One of the biggest drawing points of the Ekdisis Fashion Show is its location. Located north of Minden at 1123 Dennison Road, off Horseshoe Lake Road, the fashion show will be situated on a beautiful hilltop field. "The Newfangler Festival location is very pretty, and will lend itself nicely to a fashion show," Treharne said. "I plan to have the show outside, under the blue sky. We're building a runway, and some makeshift change rooms will have to be made for the models." If the weather doesn't cooperate, the runway will be moved under the gigantic Newfangler wedding tent. "There aren't many fashion shows up here," Treharne said. "And I don't know if there's ever been one outside. It will be an event worthy of remembrance."

Although people are already eagerly anticipating the fashion show, Treharne has done something to get even more people interested. She has convinced some of the most stunning Highland beauties to act as models, and walk the runway at the show. They include Haliburton's Erin Nicholson, and Grace Lake's Kristin Nicholson. With such lovely ladies strutting their stuff, the fashion show is sure to get a good turnout.

To make the event even more appealing, it is completely free of charge. There is no admission, so everybody can come out and see some fine Highland inspired fashion. Treharne is still welcoming more designers to enter pieces into the show. "This is a completely inclusive event," she said. "We want everybody to enter their work, regardless of their skill level, experience, or designs."

The Ekdisis Fashion Show is shaping up to be quite an event. It's not very often that people have to opportunity to see beautiful original clothes, with unique art, in a stunning natural location. "Things are going well so far," Treharne said. "I'm sure that people are going to thoroughly enjoy the show."■

THEY ARE DEPENDING ON US!



Coalition for Equitable Water Flow

"IT'S ALL ABOUT THE WATER"

(and then the dams, the locks & the canals)

We must eliminate the jurisdictional roadblocks to better water management for the Reservoir Lakes and rivers.

Environmental Preservation & Recovery
Safe Navigation
Water Conservation, Clean Water
Sustainable Communities
Safe & Secure Dams

How can you help? Write a brief letter to your home and cottage area Members of the Provincial and Federal Governments. Request them to support the immediate creation of an **Independent Water Management Agency (IWMA),** as recommended by the Panel on the Future of the Trent-Severn Waterway. **That's it!**

The Panel's Report, "It's All about the Water" is available at www.tswpanel.ca. For details of the IWMA, see Page 71.

For further information, go to www.environmenthaliburton.ca and click on CEWF.

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School's Cool and Class Is In Session

SIRCH Program Prepares Today's Youth for Tomorrow

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

"We are seeing the difference School's Cool makes – 4 years ago, we ran our first course with 16 children who had been removed from kindergarten. They were put in School's Cool during the summer; they made it through kindergarten the next year, and this year [in grade3], they've all scored at or above the Provincial Standard. Without School's Cool, they wouldn't have made it!"
Jane Thompson,
Project Coordinator Family & Community Action Program, Oshawa, ON

It was back in 1998 that the School's Cool program was first formed by SIRCH (Supportive Initiatives for Residents in the County of Haliburton).

"We're the creators of School's Cool," said Gena Robertson, Executive Director of SIRCH. "Not only is the program in Haliburton but we do training right across Canada and other organizations pick up the program and provide it in their own communities," says Robertson.

School's Cool, a school readiness program designed for 3-5 year olds, started up on Wednesday, July 2 at Stuart Baker Elementary School (SBES). The program is intended to address a lack of school readiness in children entering kindergarten. Its curriculum is organized to meet the ongoing developmental needs of each individual child, while encouraging group development in language and phonological awareness, social skills, problem-solving and self-help skills.

"It's a transition to kindergarten program. When children enter school and they are not ready, which could be for a number of reasons, they usually end up in a classroom with one teacher to 12 kids and they may not do well," explains Robertson. "We worry about that because if kids don't do well in kindergarten, chances are they're not going to do well in the rest of school."

School's Cool is delivered through a 72-hour curriculum that takes place over 24 three-hour sessions, three to four mornings a week, over a six to eight week period. The program is offered year-round by certified School's Cool instructors.

Some of the other organizations across the nation delivering the program include YMCAs, childcare centres and First Nation communities.

A portion of the School's Cool students join the program because a family service group like a Point In Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents refers them to it, while others are signed up by their parents or guardians.

According to Robertson, the program has been highly successful, putting the average student up a year ahead in their age development.

"Children who also benefit greatly from this program are the ones who have not done particularly well in junior kindergarten. The program allows them to get their skills back up before they go back to school in the fall," she says.

Alison Potter, Coordinator for School's Cool in Haliburton, first became involved with the initiative five years ago.

"To me this is the best summer job ever," said Potter at a class held last Thursday. "It's amazing how far these kids come. We keep notes of everything they're doing and list their accomplishments. It's good because then we can also share this information with their future kindergarten teachers."

Jean Morrison, one of the instructors in the program, says that School's Cool is great because it prepares the kids so that once they enter school they're ready to learn.

"It's really important, especially later on in their lives," said Morrison who first heard about School's Cool while studying early childhood education in Ottawa.

"We lead them in singing circles, teach them how to listen and follow instructions, work one-on-one in developing language and engage them in some social dialog," explained Morrison.

Sarah Britton, another School's Cool instructor, decided to apply for the job to help further herself in her academic studies and fulfill her love of working with kids.

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Department of Public Works County of Haliburton

Request For Quotation #2008-19

The County of Haliburton invites proposals from interested parties for the supply and installation of signage for various landfill sites located within the County of Haliburton.
Interested parties may obtain a copy of the RFQ from the County of Haliburton offices or may download the RFQ from the County Website: www.haliburtoncounty.ca

Closing date for this RFQ is 11:00am Monday, August 11, 2008.

For further information contact:
Roy Haig at (705) 286 -1762, ext. 240
County of Haliburton
3 Germaine Street
Minden, Ontario, K0M 2K0

MUNICIPALITY OF HIGHLANDS EAST

TENDER FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF HIGHLANDS EAST

A tender will be accepted for the following work:

Tender Number 2008-10
Cover Material for Landfill Disposal Sites

Supply and apply cover material required for four (4) landfill disposal sites throughout the Municipality of Highlands East.

Specifications for the above work can be obtained at the Municipal Office located in Wilberforce, Ward One Office located on Monck Road, Cardiff and the Ward Three Post Office located in Gooderham during regular office hours.

Closing date is August 6, 2008 at 3:00 p.m.

Sealed tenders will be received at the address shown below and must be **clearly identified** specific to the **Tender Number.**

Tender documents will be opened on August 12th at the Highlands East Council Meeting.

Successful candidate must provide copy of liability insurance and proof of WSIB coverage.

The lowest bid is not necessarily accepted.

Glen S. Covert
Environmental/ Property Supervisor
P.O Box 160, Monck Road
CARDIFF, ON K0L 1M0
Phone (613) 339-2442

COUNTY OF HALIBURTON COMMITTEE VACANCIES

The Haliburton County Rail Trail Management Committee is seeking an interested individual to fill a vacancy as a Committee member for the remainder of the four-year term of Council ending November 30, 2010. We are seeking a public appointment interested in representing the general interests of non-motorized users of the Rail Trail.
The Haliburton County Joint Accessibility Committee is also seeking an interested individual to fill a vacancy as a Committee member for the remainder of the four-year term of Council ending November 30, 2010. We are seeking a public appointment able to represent the interests of the disabled community. The successful applicant must be living with a disability to qualify for this position under the ***Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act.***
Any person having an interest in being appointed to either the Rail Trail Management Committee or the Joint Accessibility Committee is invited to submit an expression of interest, detailing relevant experience and skills,
no later than Friday, August 8th, 2008 at 12:00 p.m. to the attention of:
Tamara Wilbee, County Clerk
County of Haliburton,
11 Newcastle Street, P.O. Box 399,
Minden, Ontario
K0M 2K0
705-286-4829 fax
twilbee@county.haliburton.on.ca

A Rockin' Ride for a Reason

Former Wilberforce Native, Bob Thomas, is Founder of Children's Cancer Fundraiser

The 5th annual Ride For Our Cancer Kids (R.O.C.K.) organized by Bob Thomas, a Wilberforce native, brought out a total of 104 riders on their motorcycles in both Lambton and Kent County on Saturday, July 5. This year's ride raised $30,720.00 and to date, the fundraiser has brought in over $100,000 in funds that go directly to the Childhood Cancer Foundation Canada to assist them with crucial research.

"We were hoping to make $40.000, but we did have more riders this year than before. We continue to grow as the word spreads," said Thomas.

Riders travelled a distance of 200 km in this year's event. A 4-band ROCK concert featuring Adam Miner, Jed, the Stubby Phillips Band and Chalk Line provided live entertainment and there also was a silent auction.

The top fundraiser for the third straight year in a row was Walt Fraser of Sarnia who collected $4,175. The winner of the grand prize, with a Toronto getaway for four valued at $2,000 was Bob Harrison of Mooretown.

Thomas founded the organization with his wife Lori shortly after their daughter Samantha lost her battle with Acute Lymphoblastic Lymphoma just three days before her third birthday. Two years after her birth in May of 2000, she was diagnosed with the cancer.

Samantha had a tumour the size of a grapefruit in her tiny chest, collapsing one lung and pressing against her trachea. The following nine months were spent in hospital in London and eventually Sick kids in Toronto for her bone marrow transplant.

On the fight against cancer Thomas says, "I watched helplessly as cancer took my baby daughter from us. I watched it consume my mother a year ago. It's too late for me go to medical school and do research myself, so now we raise money for those researchers. It's an epic fight, and some days it's easy to be discouraged, but I think back to a quote from Anita Roddick – 'If you think you're too small to have an impact, try going to bed with a mosquito in the room.'"

Before starting the organization, Thomas grew up in Wilberforce. His family owned Bills Hills, a popular motorcross race track that was in business in the 1980's. In 1990, Thomas left the area and moved to Sarnia where he is currently a manager at a customs broker office. When he can, Thomas still visits his sister Leanne Kennedy who currently resides in Wilberforce.■

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"I want to go to teacher's college next year," said Britton who is entering her last year at the University of Toronto.

"I've done lots of volunteering with kids before but this is my first real job in the field," says Britton who adds, "When you teach them something and they get it, it's amazing. It really boosts their confidence."

Parent Amanda Bacon, whose three-year old son Devon participates in the program and is heading to school next fall, says she sees firsthand how the program is positively impacting her son in his developmental growth.

"All around this is a great program," says Bacon, who admits Devon gets excited each morning before attending class.

"He knows all the songs they sing in a circle. All around they think he's doing a great job. School's Cool provides them with a great opportunity to learn and interact with other kids."

Allison Perecko, a kindergarten teacher at SBES, says that School's Cool definitely delivers results.

"They're in a fun, structured environment and they do really well. It's good preparation and it's good continuity for those that are already in the kindergarten program," said Perecko.

She says that the program prepares those who are about to enter the education system in readiness and their comfort levels.

"In the program, they go through routines similar to those we have in the early days of kindergarten. They also give them the opportunity to have new friends. For those that haven't been in a daycare setting before, this really familiarizes them with a larger group setting."

Perecko indicates that the program also assists students who were previously in kindergarten but may have faced some difficulties along the way.

"Because of the program, they don't lose the school routines, the rules and it reinforces what they learned in junior or senior kindergarten. It's all seamless because they don't get much of a break between the time they left at the end of the school year until the time they start the six week program," she says.

Perecko adds that the program also prepares first-time parents by giving them a mini-synopsis of what will take place once their child enters the classroom for the first time.

"It can be educational for some parents because it shows them that their kids can be independent and that's what we need especially when you have 20 children in a class."

For more information on School's Cool or to find out how to access other services offered through SIRCH, visit sirch.on.ca.■

MUNICIPALITY OF HIGHLANDS EAST

TENDERS FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF HIGHLANDS EAST

Tenders will be accepted for the following work:

1.) **Tender Number 2008-05**
Wilberforce Arena
Repair roof on arena in Wilberforce to have a six inch overhang on steel portion. Steel to conform to existing.

2.) **Tender Number 2008-06**
Highland Grove Community Centre
Replacement of the insulated, steel door and frame. Door to be equipped with panic bar and door closer with all trim and weather stripping.

3.) **Tender Number 2008-07**
Monmouth Curling Rink
Replacement of the insulated, steel door and frame. Door to be equipped with panic bar and door closer with all trim and weather stripping.

4.) **Tender Number 2008-08**
Monmouth Curling Rink
Replacement of the wall in the basement of the curling rink.

5.) **Tender Number 2008-09**
Cardiff Community Centre
Remove paneling and install fire proof drywall. Drywall to be primed and painted to customer color.

Information on the above can be obtained by contacting the Environmental/ Property Supervisor during regular office hours.

Closing date is August 6th, 2008 at 3:00 p.m.

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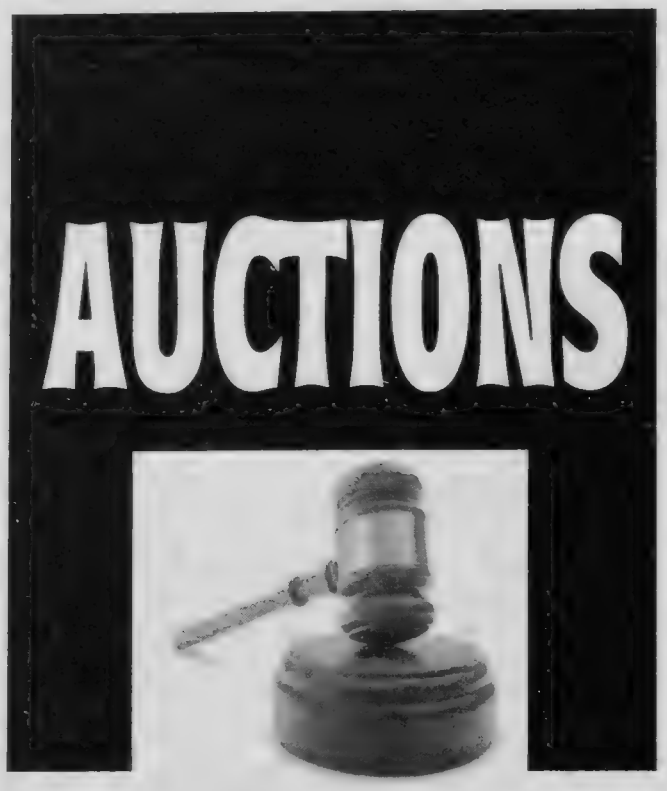
Announcements



AUCTION

Antiques, Art & Collectibles, Tools & Household Goods

Saturday, August 9th at 10 a.m. ~ Preview 9 a.m.
No junk ~ No taxes ~ Fast & Furious ~ Lunch available

Partial list art: **Andre Lapine 14x14 watercolour "Summer Road"** ; Tricia Romance "Lost Sheep" 562/4000; Oscar Gramman watercolours; Kelley wolf print; framed photographs; Eskimo print; 4 prints 18th C. ladies; 2 bamboo scenes; original oils and watercolours; various prints.

Partial list antiques + collectibles: Pressed glass; decanters; tins; great old books; retro glassware; 1950s child's wooden table & 2 chairs; antique Pachinko machine w/balls; many Damask tablecloths and various tea linens (all linens starched + stored); collector tea towels (unused); handmade doilies, doilies and more doilies; various oriental dishes and decorative items; 'Northern Lights' sterling cutlery set; cut crystal rocks glasses; 2 crystal decanters with sterling Scotch and Rye tags; various sterling and plate serving dishes, compotes & platters; 6 etched wine glasses w/gold rim; set 8 fruit plates; Royal Copenhagen figurine; 5-drawer pine dresser; fumed oak highboy dresser; antique table hockey game; gentleman's dresser w/ mirror; antique oval table with carved edge; round hall mirror; 4 BR chairs; outstanding antique Nippon hand painted dresser set; Deacon's chair; fruit compotes; etched glass S&P sets; 3x miniature sterling S&P; set 3 sterling veg servers w/ detachable lids; Limoges serving platter; 2 antique double beds w/ head- and footboard; huge antique 6-drawer dresser with carved edges; 4-post single bed; 2 rattan chairs; oriental rugs; sterling egg cups; carnival ware; Mintons cream & sugar; Nippon bowl & ladle; various single silver spoons; salt cellars w/ mother-of-pearl spoons; Rogers & Sons 'Old Colony' silverware; antique bone-handled carving sets & pieces; coal oil lamps; Geo. Wostenholm & Son knives; John Derby & Sons knives; retro glass kitchen canisters; 5 bone china/Coalport floral arrangements (no chips); dozens of antique & retro silk handkerchiefs; Royal Crown Derby C&S peacock pattern ; Jack & Jill peanut butter jar w/ lid; Campbell's Dairy milk bottle; Stillicious chocolate drink bottle; 3 sets golf clubs; hand-painted Japanese coaster set; Eatons and Simpsons boxes; 2 Royal Worcester egg coddlers NIB; RCA portable Victrola; Royal Vienna teapot; sterling/mother-of-pearl knives in velvet case; various English china/glass dresser knick-knacks; hens in baskets, Chinese rice pattern translucent bowls; punch bowl & cups; misc. figurines; Molson's tin/porcelain tray; 3 chain falls; 2 logging chains; lg wooden bookshelf; pine chest; King's Crown amber glassware; Denby 'Mayflower' dinnerware; box lot sewing items ... **and more.**

Firearms: 12-gauge Crescent SxS shotgun (PAL req'd); 12-gauge muzzle loading percussion cap SxS.

Partial list household & sporting goods: 18 x 18 wooden butcher block on legs; 2002 KTM 50SX mini bike; lg TV/stereo armoire w/ glass & shelves; pair LR chairs; motocross boots; lamps and lighting; Schwinn bicycles; kids ski boots + skis; fabulous contemporary books (politics, war, baseball, jazz); coffee table books; modern nursing rocker and crib w/ mattress & quilt; adult downhill skis; flat-to-the-wall entertainment unit; kids CCM skates; cookbook collection; 4-drawer side table; Hamilton-Beach elec mixer; lg executive desk; Kenwood receiver AR404; good luggage; 2 picnic sets; queen mattress & foundation; NIB above-counter wooden sink; misc. sewing material; box lot desk/office items; variety wooden chairs; box lot picture frames; scuba equipment; scuba tanks, coffee maker; camping stuff; 27" TV; quilts & comforters; crock pot; BMW 5-series M-style wheels w/ mounted Toyo tires; BMW 5-series 16" winter rims; 16" Dodge Caravan snow tires ... **and more.**

Partial list tools: Bolens lawn tractor; hand saws; axes; Makita 16 5/16" circular saw; hedge clippers; whipper snipper; scroll saws; vise ... **and more.**

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Saturday, August 2nd & Monday August 4th
Town of Harcourt

Plan to join us for this *2 day Antiques and Collectible Auction*. Its shaping up to be one of the best one's this year and you won't want to miss it.

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Contents of C & E Antiques. After 20+ years in business, they will be closing their doors to enjoy life with their family and to paint. Plan to join us for this 2 day auction at Harcourt Community Center. >From Haliburton take Hwy 118 South approx 20 kms to Essonville Rd. Turn left and follow to CR648/Hwy 648/Loop Rd. Turn left and follow through Wilberforce to Harcourt. Turn left at Midway St and follow to the Community Center. (Watch for Signs)

Partial listing includes but is definitely not limited to John Borden Oil Painting of Fall Scene (1973), large water colours, metallic print, petit point, loon print, Assortment Anton Pieck Prints, New Brunswick prints by Horniansky, Oil on Masonite Fall Scene, Wood and Glass Cabinet, assortment wicker pieces, vintage quilts, vintage china cabinet with single door/drawer, double door 3 sided glass china cabinet, buffet with hutch china cabinet, assortment small side tables, old double pedestal desk, Jenny Lind Bed, various wooden kitchen chairs, wool winder, quilt rack, porch rockers, small trunks, oval front china cabinet, printers trays, art deco tv lamps, windmill lawn ornament, prayer bench, nursing rockers, dough mixer, cast iron grates, ice cream churn, settee, hand made pine wall shelf, Childs vintage desk, old beds, Brass, Copper & Silver pieces, large assortment of china, glassware and ceramics some of which include, Staffordshire, blue willow, Radford, foley, Beswick, Wedgwood, Nippon, Limoges, McCoy, coal port, occupied japan, noritake, falcon ware, Royal Doulton, Susie Cooper, delft, cranberry, and Myott to name some. Royalty memorabilia, costume Jewellery, ink wells, bottles, tins, pipes, scales, tools, and so much more.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Wednesday, August 6th. 2008
1016 Ravine Rd. Minden
Starts at 10:00 AM

Northern Timberhouse Ltd. Inventory reduction Auction.
10 am Wednesday, August 6, 2008 at 1016 Ravine Rd. (1.1 km south of County Rd. 121 on Hwy. 35, see signs) Partial listing: 3' x 5' drafting table and machine, Calcom 8 pen plotter, office desk, 2 Macintosh computers, printers, scanner, 6-2 drawer letter size filing cabinets, footing tube, concrete cottage pads, 8" x 15' I beam, gallons of wood stain, tubes of chinking, assorted stair treads and spindles, threaded rod, stainless steel rod, assorted large nuts and bolts, electrical boxes, switches, wire, Douglas fir colonial casing and baseboards, 500 ft. of 1" x 6" TSG reclaimed Douglas fir, 2000 sq. ft. of heavy gage metal roofing, pre-cut timber braces and tenons, 1", 2", 4" weathered pine lumber, 2- 8" x 14" x 20' Douglas fir timbers, assorted 3' x 5' blocks, 2 lots of cedar & spruce logs, 15 peeled white pine logs, 6" x 6" x 8' and 10' cedar timbers, red cedar turned columns, 3" x 5" pine timbers, 100 pine timbers 6" x 6", 6" x 8", 8" x 8", 8" x 10", 8" x 12", air dried pine 6" x 10", 8" x 8", spruce log with burls, Douglas fir logs 1@ 24', 28', 20" Busy Bee Planer, and much more. For more information or to list your auction call Norm Mills Auctioneer and Appraiser (705) 286- 3535

COUNTY VOICE 2008 YARD SALES

YARD SALE- Saturday, August 2. Yard and Craft Sale. 9 am to 2 pm. 267 Riverside Drive (at the end), Haliburton. Follow the signs. Lots of stuff. july e 08

YARD SALE- 2 family yard sale. Friday, August 1 at 10 am and Saturday, August 2 at 8 am. Front Lane, Hunter Creek Estates, Minden. july e 08

YARD SALE- Saturday, August 2. 40 Keefer Street, Haliburton. (Sunnyside to Keefer) 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Multi-family. Lots of treasures and good junk. Rain date: Sunday, August 3. july e 08

YARD SALE- Yard sale, bake table & BBQ. St. Anthony of Padua Roman Catholic Church, Victoria Street, Haliburton. Saturday, August 2, 2008. 9 am to 2 pm. Rain or shine. Come for lunch- hotdog or hamburger & pop. july e 08

YARD SALE- House contents yard sale. Saturday, August 2 & 3 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. 1038 Dawson Road (off Northshore Road) Household contents including: furniture, appliances, house-wares, collectibles, outdoor furniture and water craft, tools, power equipment, videos, CD's, games and 250+ books. july e 08

YARD SALE- 4365 Gelert Road. Saturday, August 2 from 9 am to 4 pm. Table and chairs, some clothing, a little bit of everything. july e 08

YARD SALE- Saturday, August 2 starting at 8 am. 1899 Northshore Road, Maple Lake. Canoe, Kayak and other miscellaneous items. july e 08

YARD SALE- Huge yardsale. Sale starts Wednesday, August 6, 2008. 1263 Burkes Road, Haliburton (past Stan's Garage, 2nd side road on right) Appliances- large and small, furniture, windows and doors, black lights, 27" & 32" color televisions and cabinets, bedding and other household items. (705) 457-2816 july e 08

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Jack and Jill

HATS OFF TO...
Steve Ecclestone & Kerri Matysek

In celebration of their upcoming wedding, we are hosting a Jack & Jill on their behalf. Consider this an extended invitation to any friends or family of Steve & Kerri's.

Jack & Jill Party
August 9th, 2008. 8 p.m - 1 a.m
@ the Stanhope Fire Hall
Theme: Wear your most outrageous, crazy, funny hat.

Tickets $5 each at the door.
HOPE EVERYONE CAN MAKE IT!

Wedding Dance

Wedding Dance for Johnathan & Amber

Laurie and Tim Smith are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter Amber to Jonathan Lynch, son of Pat Lynch and John Lynch. Family and friends are invited to join the celebration on Saturday, August 9, 2008 at 9:00 pm. Across from the Haliburton Arena. July e 08

Birthday

Happy Birthday Rick

Rick- Happy 65th Birthday. From 1943 to 2008. We're here to help you celebrate. Mr. Lee, Mr. Lee, Mr. Lee. Resting on your "Laurels" you look pretty content to me. God bless, friends forever.

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Graduation

Congratulations!!

Jennifer & Joshua Wales have graduated! Hurrah!!

Jenn received a Master of Science degree in Applied Health Science from Brock University in 2007 and a Bachelor of Education from Nipissing University in May, 2008. She is looking forward to teaching in the fall.

Josh graduated from McGill University with a Bachelor of Music, (Voice Performance) and will be attending medical school at McMaster University in the fall.

Their parents Grahame and Debbie Wales are delighted!

Memorial

MEMORIAL CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF LORRAINE CATHERINE SMITH

Saturday, August 2, 2008 from 2-5pm
Haliburton United Church

Lorraine died in Ottawa on September 10, 2007 with her family around her. Lorraine spent her childhood summers at the cottage of her parents Catherine and Norman Smith on Lake Kashagawigamog. Since she and Donald were married in 1953, they, their children and their grandchildren had many wonderful visits there. Her father, who purchased the property in 1927, turned it over to Lorraine in 1993. Lorraine and Don built an all-season house there in 1995 and after their retirements spent more time there than anywhere else locally.

They were members of the Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists, Kawartha Field Naturalists, the cross-country ski club, the cycling club (The Real Easy Ryders), the County Advisory Committee for the Environment, Environment Haliburton!, and the Highland Twirlers (square-dance club.) They were keen participants in the Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas project in 2001- 2005. In addition, Lorraine was a member of the Haliburton Branch of the Canadian Federation of University Women and was a very active participant in the formation of the Haliburton Land Trust.

Her family hopes that her many neighbours and friends from the above organizations and others with be able to attend to remember her and share memories and refreshments.

CLASSIFIEDS

Help Wanted

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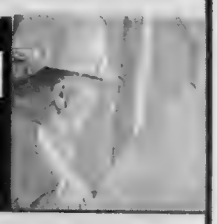
Help Wanted

Minden Home Hardware Building Centre

We currently have a position available in the following department.

Estimator / Architectural Draftsperson



This position requires material blueprint estimating and material listing as required for construction projects a submitted by contractors, customers, company salespersons. Must have a working knowledge of computers and able to work within the company software applications in respect to houses, cottages, garages, decks to demonstrate extensive IBM product knowledge.

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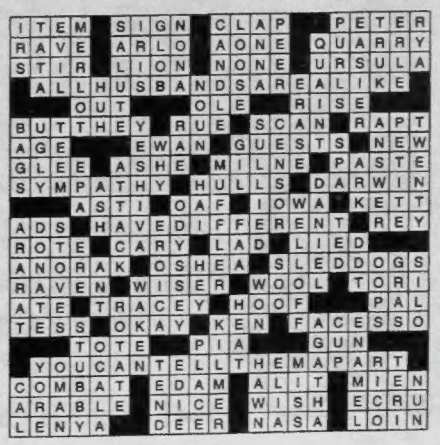


Where It's Art! - Introducing Our Art Section

Ontario has the third largest population working in arts and entertainment in North America, next to California and New York. Not at all shocking considering Haliburton County alone is home to hundreds of creative souls. It seems like just around every corner there is a gallery, studio, or arts event. Every artistic form imaginable is covered throughout the highlands, from paint to pottery, fabric and film, theatre, glass, literature, music and everything in between! The Haliburton School of the Arts is world renowned, and the Studio Tour has been dubbed best in the province! We at The County Voice invite you to celebrate our booming local arts scene in this, the beginning of our special arts section coverage that will be on-going. We begin by introducing you to some of the great art tours that are coming your way. Over the next few issues we will also be featuring a more in-depth look at the arts in Haliburton County – some of the studios and galleries and profiles on some interesting artists.

TOURS

If you seek a self guided artistic adventure, pick up a brochure for one of our arts tours: the Haliburton County Studio Tour, Highlands East Studio Tour, Summer Sizzle, and Tour de Forest.

Summer Sizzle

Summer Sizzle takes place this weekend (the August long weekend) and features 3 studioes…. 10 hands. Visit Earth and Fire Pottery, Studio Rose and Rickie Woods Pottery to see the artists at work and all their beautiful creations.

Tour de Forest

Tour de Forest is taking off on it's second annual event. This tour offers you "more art for your gasoline dollar." There are 6 studios, each with guest artists so you are able to view the work of 20 artists in the two days it runs.

These tours attract people world wide, from all walks of life. Caravans of families, foreigners, and motorcycle groups return each year to see their old favourites, and new additions.

All works included on these tours are original, handmade items. Often live demonstrations go on, to give tour-goers a chance to really connect with the work and artist them self.

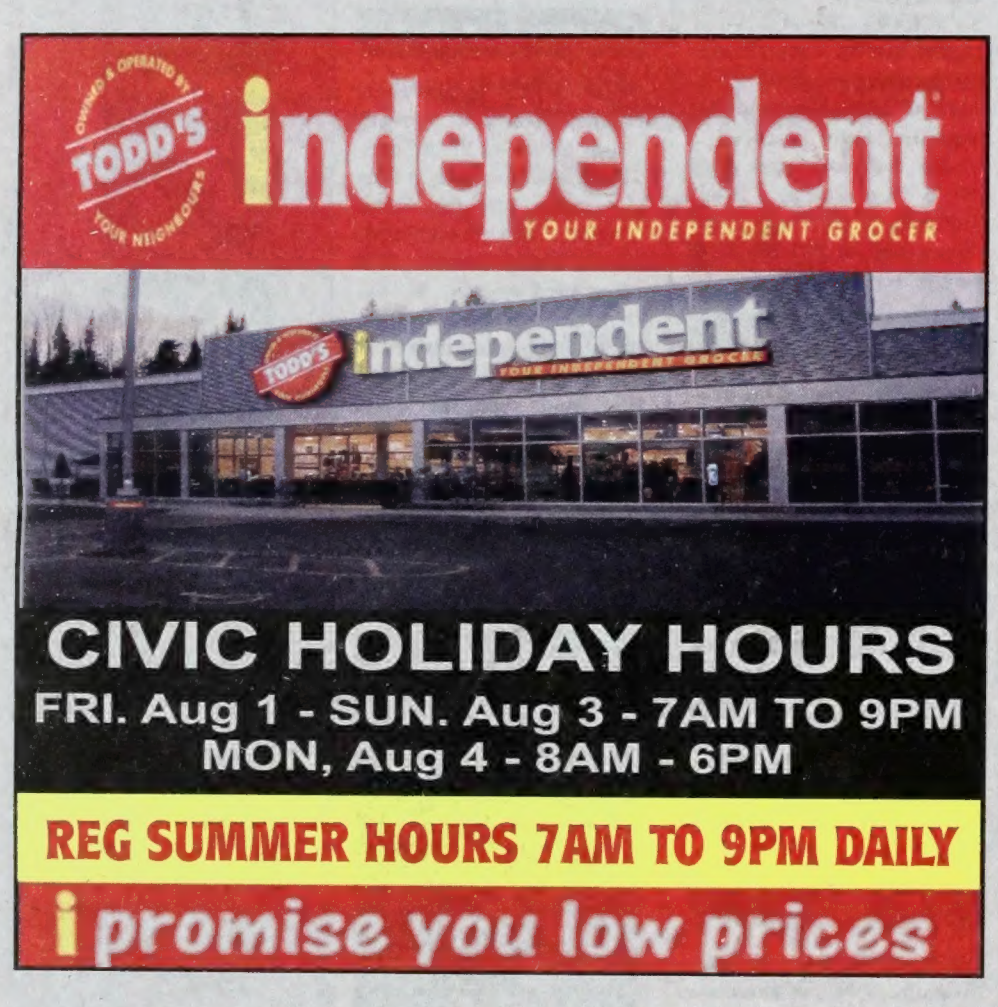
Tour de Forest takes place this August long weekend.

Highlands East Studio Tour

The Highlands East Studio Tour is now in it's 6th year. It spans the area of Tory Hill, Wilberforce, Harcourt, and Gooderham. This year if you pick up one of their book marks, you can enter in a draw to win a prize at the studios you visit. The tour takes place August 9th and 10th – 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Haliburton County Studio Tour

The Haliburton Highlands Studio Tour has been running for 21 years and is a fall premier tour. It now has enough names on the roster to fill all of the letters of the alphabet. Each presenting fine crafted, original works. It takes place over two weekends, which is about how much time you would need if you wish to see them all. The studio tour is county wide and takes place the weekend before Thanksgiving and Thanksgiving weekend.



RAILS END GALLERY AND ARTS CENTRE

The little gallery that could is chugging along bringing Art to Life in Haliburton. The art already has a life of it's own, but "our job here is to bring art into everyday lives, to animate the arts in this community." says Executive Director, Laurie Jones. "Hopefully every visitor will leave here inspired and interested." Even when the parking lots are full and the town is busy and bustling you can go to the Rails End and experience a pleasant atmosphere.

Laurie took over as executive director of the gallery two years ago, just following its major renovations, and was offered basically a blank slate to work with. Her goal is to establish the centre as a cultural hub. Recently Laurie and the summer staff have been reviving the gift shop, referred to as the Ticket Room. It was named this by Pamela Marsales, Geri Hogaboam, and Louise Green of the volunteer comittee. The Ticket Room serves many purposes throughout the year. It is a space for local artists to sell their work, who perhaps don't have their own studio to sell out of, a place for meetings and activities, and small exhibitions, such as the members exhibitions, and projects like 60 Bowls. It is being affectionately revamped, and maintained by the staff and especially the volunteers. They are working towards a shop with a stronger volunteer presence. These generous souls will be the face behind the counter, telling the stories of the Ticket Master of the old train station, the programs available, and the transformations this building of heritage has been through.

Another responsibility of the Rails End is to educate about the arts, it plays a mentorship role for people and groups of all types and ages.Laurie goes out of her way to ensure the work presented at the gallery is of excellence and innovation. The Highland Room is the gallery space dedicated to larger exhibitions, relevant to the experience of Haliburton. Anyone and everyone can feel welcome and comfortable here, it is without pretension. "There is not a permanent collection, but there is a fantastic fluidity of space," Laurie states. "We can be pretty casual about things - it's fun. We can have kids come in, and drumming in the evening." Groups come in from Grade 1 to College, even from day camp. "It can sometimes be a chaotic environment, but there is stillness in the art, and thats what drives this whole thing. None of us would be here if it weren't for that." says Jones.

Programs for children, families, and folks of all walks of life are available throughout the year at the Rails End. For the summer they run an adventurous activity for kids 6 and up called ART ATTACK. Aaron King and Courtney Bryant, two of the summer interns, take the groups outdoors around the park and gallery to build, or create something unique together. For a small fee your children can try their hand at a new outdoors experience on Tuesday and Thursday from 11-12:30, or Wednesday from 1:30 -3:00. An all ages activity, that I strongly recommend is held every Thursday at 6-7:30pm, is Artist Trading Cards. Admission is by donation, and all the materials you'll need are supplied by the gallery. This activity is beset described by the Rails End website www.railsendgallery.com "Artist Trading Cards (ATC's) are tiny pieces of original art (2.5" x 3.5"), which are designed to create connections and interactions between artists. ATC's are made all around the world and traded through personal exchanges or by mail. ATC's can be created by ANYONE…you don't need to be an artist to enjoy the arts, and express yourself creatively. You can use any sort of technique or medium that you choose. This is your chance to be creative and meet people who share your interest in the arts. The gallery will supply materials. For art minded students and adults" ATC night is run by Kortney Gerber, another summer intern here, who is an avid enthusiast of ATC's, and will also be hosting the activity at the Newfanglers Art Festival.

Through all the changes this place has seen, The Haliburton Arts and Crafts Show has remained. It too has grown, now in it's 44th year, with over 100 vendors, door prizes, a speakers series, and live radio coverage by Canoe FM. Many of the vendors claim it's their favourite show because of our inviting, friendly community and the intimacy of grouping in the park. For a show of this caliber, Head Lake Park is a fairly limited

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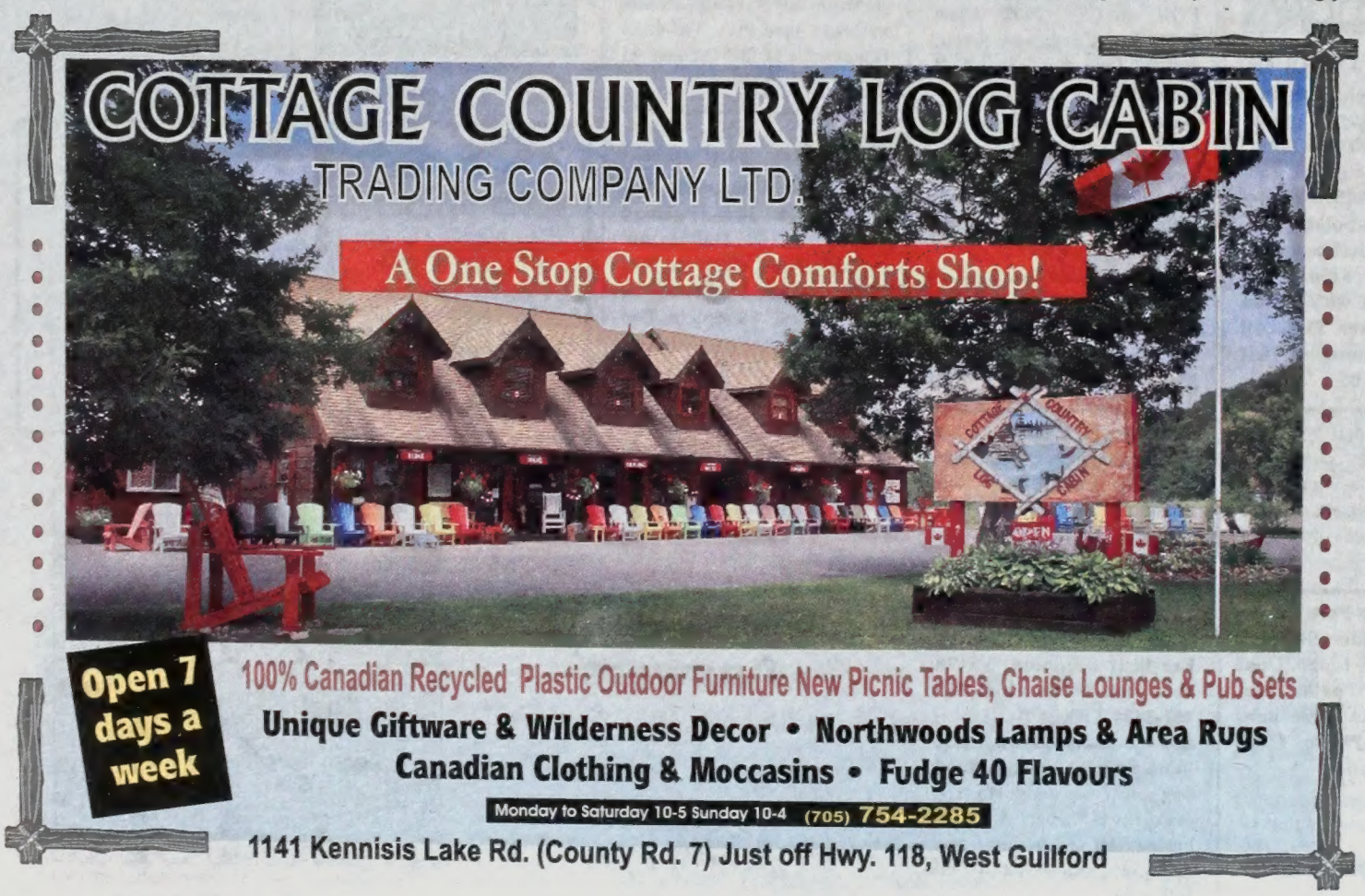

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space, but somethimes the best things come out of small spaces. "We do small well here." says Jones.

This place is an amazing example of what can happen when many hands come together, and that is truly a defining factor of the Haliburton aesthetic. They have formed partnerships with the High School, Haliburton School of the Arts, Community Care, Community Living, The Arts Council of Haliburton, Arts Council Ontario, H.K.P.R. District Health Unit, To get your hands into the fun at the Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre, stop in and become a member. The membership prices have been adjusted this year, and are as follows:

Individual Membership: $25 - Family - $40 - Seniors - $20 - Students - $10

Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre (705) 457-2330, www.railsendgallery.com 23 York Street, Haliburton.

GLASS EAGLE STUDIOS - TOM GREEN

New things are always happening at Glass Eagle Studios. New tours, new galleries, new gardens, and new ideas. This year Tom's work is represented in three new galleries around the province; the Algonquin Park Art Centre, Eclipse Gallery in downtown Huntsville, and the Tanglewood Gallery which is also new in Port Carling. Being included in the Algonquin Park Art Centre is quite the honour. His work will hang in prestige with Kevin Dunlop, Tom Thompson, and other recognised names.

Tom is also one of the founding members of the Tour de Forest, which is taking place for its 2nd year on the August long weekend. There will be three guests at Glass Eagle; Larry Holden who does Intarsia, Case Bassie, a wood turner, and Warren Smith who does wood burning. As Tour de Forest runs on the same dates as Newfanglers Art Festival, one of Tom's employees will be selling honey at the organic farmers market at Newfanglers, while Tom and his guests sell their wares back at the ranch.

Not only is the glass business flourishing, but the gardens are also expanding every year, the creativity flowing over the whole property. The place has certainly been through bold transformations since it was an old school house, pulled across Lake Kashagawigamog by a team of horses to where it currently lies. A labour of love has gone into it, by the hands of Tom himself, many dear friends, and the youth that he employs. Currently Tom has two student apprentices, Collin Ellis, and Justin Dunning who make up the "we" of Glass Eagle. Justin has been with Glass Eagle for almost two years now and has not only become skilled in grinding and foiling glass pieces, but also in the landscaping. In his short time at Glass Eagle he has realised a dream to be a Horticulturist and is attending Niagara College for Horticulture this fall. "I have always loved growing things, but working here, Tom has really taught me about gardening and landscape designing. It's fun!" says Justin.

Between maintaining the studio, keeping galleries stocked with work, filling coustom commission orders, selling honey, tending the gardens, the tours, and the employees, Tom has his hands full this year! Sounds like a lot, considering he even finds time to attend various arts, community, and fund-raising events, still he says, "I'd rather be doing it here then anywhere else."

Where It's Art!

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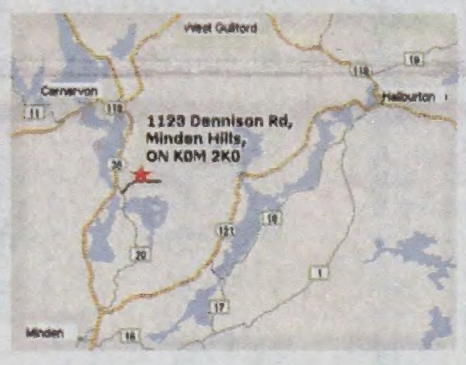
4pm Music of Jocelyn Regina
5pm "Life without Principle" by Aaron King



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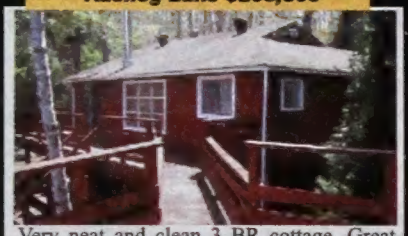

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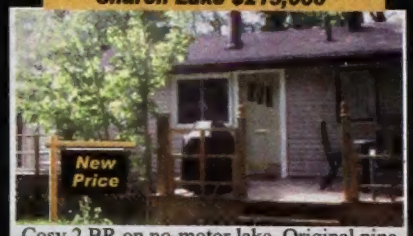

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4000 sqft 5BR, 4 Bath, w/ docking on Head Lake. Separate entrance with, 2 BR & 2 baths, great for Granny flat, Triple garage.

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Haliburton In Town Home $241,900

+ 1 BR home (2500 sq. ft) with large walk-out wkshp, garage & 1.49 acres. Features wood finishings, 4 baths, master w/ensuite, ample storage & walk to town!

Janice Brookes 457-2128

Little Kennisis Privacy $287,000

615 ft. Ftg. wooded, level lot, charming cabin plus storage shed. In a bay with protection for a boat. Underground hydro, phone & dock, easy access.

John Hincks 286-2138

Little Redstone $839,000

Custom-Built Executive Cottage. Pvt, level lot, 230 ft frontage. 3043 total sq ft, Vaulted Cedar Ceilings, Granite counters, 3+ BR, 4 baths, Rec Room with Wet Bar, Hot Tub.

Shirley Rule and Kerrie Farr 754-2100

New and Improved! 219,900

Cute cottage in quiet inlet on Minden Lake with sandy bottom, great fishing and beautiful rapids. Southern exp. New dbl capacity septic & power line. Close to town.

Kristin Withey 286-2138

Opportunity Knocks $298,000

This is a great opportunity for a future upgrade to a yr rnd home, older cottage, in good cond., has loads of room with 5 BR & an awesome sand beach with boathouse.

Lee Gauthier 489-9968

Kennisis View & Sunsets $519,900

5 BR multi-unit property. Expansive lake view & gorgeous sunsets. Pine throughout, skylights, including 2 baths. Large games rm above the heated garage/workshop.

Mark Dennys 457-2128

Bungalow $189,900

Private 15 acres with 3 bedroom cottage or home overlooking Drag Pond. Just min. from Haliburton village. Includes a 8 x 16 bunkie.

Paul Szpik – 457-2128

Long Lake $529,900

Spacious custom-built cottage with MF master with private balcony, twin lofts, open-concept LR and kitchen. 120' ftg. Good privacy, year round road.

Susanne James & Andy Mosher 457-2128

Riverfront Privacy $187,000

Solid, 1500 square foot home with full unfinished basement on 5.85 cleared and mixed bush acres with 360 feet on Irondale River.

Tom Ecclestone 286-2128

Boshkung Lake $395,000

Gorgeous private lot with 170' of waterfront. 3 bedroom cottage with stone fireplace, sauna, guest suite, and much more.

Tom Wilkinson 286-2138

Riverfront Acreage! 329,000

3 BR log home with 100 acres and frontage on Irondale River, self sufficient on propane, wood & diesel generator. Ideal for weekend cottaging or year round living.

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